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Opinion Expressed That the Boer War Will Help our Mining Interests

MINERS MUST BEAR WAR EXPENSES

HEAVY TAXATIONS INVOLVED WILL TURN CAPITAL TO THE ONTARIO MINING REGIONS.

THE MINER has been asked if the settlement of the questions now involved in the South African war, will not have a tendency to cause a lessening of the interest now prevailing in Great Britain, or rather in London, the financial centre of Great Britain, as to the openings for capital in the exploitation of the gold mines of Ontario.

At first sight it might appear that the cessation of hostilities, which can only be done when the South African gold fields actually become a portion of the British Empire, would naturally cause even greater capital than that heretofore involved to flow into that mining region. It is even believed in London itself [illegible] will be the [illegible] both within [illegible] on the outside world [illegible] suspicion that all this [illegible] money only [illegible] authority of Great Britain [illegible] paramount in South Africa [illegible] Chamberlain be [illegible] of hostilities, which [illegible] the control of the [illegible] that land. It then [illegible] ultimate result [illegible] might naturally be [illegible] to some [illegible] the flow of capital [illegible] to the Ontario gold fields.

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little outside of the mines that is taxable property. And if the two republics should become crown colonies, as seems more probable at present, the cost of the war in some form or other will have to be met by the residents there, or by those who have interests in the mines of that region.

It is obvious then, look at the matter as we may, that the outlook for the Rand in the future is not assuring for those interested, or who may intend investing. Large sums of money will be necessary to pay the interest and principal of the debt incurred by this war, the bulk of which must be paid directly or indirectly by the mines. And it is fair to assume that the taxation for this purpose may be greater than the impositions from the burghers of which the Outlanders made so loud complaint.

In view of these very probable results THE MINER inclines to the belief that if properly presented to the English investing public the result cannot prove otherwise than beneficial to the gold mining interests of northwestern Ontario, especially so as the success of the Mikado, Sultana, Regina, Foley, Olive and other mines of Ontario become more generally known throughout Great Britain, together with the knowledge that this region possesses the richest and most extensive bodies of free milling gold ores in the world.

The further fact that these ores are located in a section which has never been torn by the dissensions or desolations of war, and in a region that is accessible in a Pullman car, where special aids to successful mining in the way of low taxation, safety of investments, cheap and reliable labor, plenty of fuel and water, with exceptional facilities in the way of cheap water and electrical power, are available to almost every property, will yet tilt the beam of the scales in favor of Ontario as against South Africa, where troubles between the races and the bitterness engendered by the present war will long continue, to say nothing of the question of exorbitant taxation that must be met principally by the mining interests of the Rand.

THE MINER believes that the war in South Africa [illegible] beneficial to the gold [illegible] interests of Ontario.

WILL TOWNS COME

[illegible] J. [illegible] States His Position [illegible] The [illegible]

NO GOLD TRUSTS.

Other Minerals Regulated by the Law of Supply and Demand.

PRICE OF GOLD FIXED AND IMMOVABLE

THE PRESENT IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN MINES AND STOCKS IN WESTERN ONTARIO.

American newspapers of the day are filled with mention of trusts and anti-trusts. Our neighbors over the way seem to be in a bad state because of the fact that trusts are now organized to control almost every commodity, both as to price and output. The people of course set up a howl because of the ability of trusts to increase the prices of their needs and wants. The politicians of both, or all, parties recognize the necessities of the public for relief from the onerous burdens imposed for extra gain, and promise relief if their party is retained or put in power. But no matter which way go elections the trusts put up campaign money for both sides, and both sides do their bidding. Nothing short of armed revolution under such conditions will unhorse the trusts.

The one thing that these trusts cannot control or regulate either in price or production is gold. It is the one thing that defies the trusts, because it is the standard and regulator of all values. Its power is greater than the combined powers of [illegible] trusts. [illegible] session by [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] as concerns [illegible] of this [illegible] controlling the price of gold, because it is a law unto itself, and does not come under the law of supply and demand [illegible] modify. The only way by [illegible] the price or supply of gold [illegible] regulated or controlled under [illegible] conditions [illegible] the organization [illegible] big enough to control all [illegible] all over the world. [illegible] an impossibility.

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They have a number of first class claims besides the one on which they are working at present, and it is likely some development will be done on several of them the coming summer. Heavy loads of supplies are being sent out this week in order to tide them over till the opening of navigation. Mr. Sullivan, the manager of the company, is expected back from Toronto next week.

Patronize Home Workmen.

During the past few years a number of outside contractors have come to Rat Portage in the spring and secured good contracts and made money only to leave in the fall with the proceeds. They spend only enough for living expenses, and have very often been the means of taking jobs from men who live here all the year round and spend their money in the town. The local contractors should have the preference every time, even if the price is a little more, for they they have their reputation to keep up and are thereby bound to do good work, and it will ultimately pay the men who secures their services. At a recent meeting of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union, the following resolution was passed. It speaks for itself and we trust it will have the desired effect:

"Moved by M. W. Sleighholm, seconded by J.J. Hart, That, whereas, it has been found during the last few years a number of contractors came into Rat Portage from eastern towns remaining only for the summer's work, and not having any interest here outside of making all they can out of the town, holding no property, and therefore in no way contributing to the running expenses of the town, but each carrying away anywhere between $500 to $5,000, which should be left in the town and distributed among the local contractors;

Be it resolved that we, the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union No. 2[illegible], request the people of Rat Portage not to patronize any who are not permanent residents of this place, but to give their work to local contractors, and thereby encourage home industry."

Bullion No. 2.

Very satisfactory reports have been received from this property during the week. The vein is widened and the values are said to be greater than at any former period. Work is being rapidly pushed under the superintendency of Mr. Brown, who is also looking after the operations at the Bad mine, or as it is now known, the [illegible].

The Triggs Mine.

Mr. [illegible] of the Triggs Gold Mining and Development Co. is just in from the mine and reports development work progressing satisfactorily. The Triggs company has over 100 feet of [illegible]

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gold mines in that land. If such should prove to be the ultimate result unthinking minds might naturally believe it would prevent to some extent the flow of capital from England to the Ontario gold fields.

In this case, however, the rule holds good that there are two sides to every question. One side is that under exclusive British control operations on the South African Rand will be relieved of the onerous burdens of oppressive taxation and the monopolies of explosives, transportation and other restrictions in vogue under the Boer regime, will be removed, and the expense of mining thereby reduced in a very material way. In fact, there is no question but that these grievances of the Outlanders, championed by the British government, were the real cause of the present war, coupled as it was by a vivid remembrance of Majuba Hill, by both peoples.

There is, on the other hand, a growing opinion that so far as the Rand mines are concerned, it is a clear case of jumping from the frying pan into the fire. It is now settled that the arms of Great Britain will triumph, and the longer the Boers prolong the inevitable the more burdensome will be the cost to them, or the "pay, pay, pay," of Rudyard Kipling. The final settlement will be dictated by Great Britain, though, of course, it is yet too early to promise as to what may be the terms. If it should be the policy of the British government to allow the Boers an independent or semi-independent government it is very probable that a heavy war indemnity will be one of the exactions imposed. The burden of this would naturally rest upon the mining interests, as there is but

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WILL TOWNS COME

Champion J. G. Gaudaur States His Position to The Australian.

MAY RACE HERE THIS SUMMER

THE CHAMPION PERFECTLY WILLING TO ROW TOWNS OR ANYBODY ELSE.

For many months the friends and backers of George Towns, the Australian oarsman, have been doing some loud talking and expressing a desire for him to row Mr. Gaudaur for the championship of the world. Tom Sullivan, the backer of George Towns, has created considerable newspaper talk about his desire to bring on the race, but so far Mr. Gaudaur has received no definite proposition from him or anybody else in regard to the matter. However, in order to stop all this kind of ranting Mr. Gaudaur sent the following to the Toronto Globe. It speaks for itself, and shows the willingness of the champion to meet any and all comers here at any time they they may desire:

"Though there has been a lot of newspaper *talk about* Tom Sullivan challenging me on behalf of George Towns, I have had nothing more definite than that, and, in order to have the situation clearly known, I am writing you to state my position to the public, as well as to any oarsmen who desire a race for the championship of the world. I am perfectly willing to row Towns or any other man in the world over a course of three miles, with a turn, for the stake of $2,500 a side, the race to take place about the middle of next August on Rat Portage Bay, Lake of the Woods. These conditions are not many, and they seem to me fair and definite. As I say, they are open to any man in the world, first come first served."

All our citizens should applaud Champion Gaudaur's desire to get a race on at Rat Portage, and second his efforts by raising a purse of sufficient amount to leave no excuse for the Australian or any one else to pass it over.

We have no doubts as to the result of such a race, and we believe that the *championship* will remain with the present holder at the end of the summer.

Mr. Gaudaur is in splendid condition and has been able to win laurels in local curling circles during the winter. With a few weeks training in the shell he would be in as good form as at any former period in his life, when he surprised the rowing world by his repeated wins.

Miss Alice Ham, daughter of Geo. H. Ham, a former well known Winnipegger, was married in Montreal to W. Burley, of Portage la Prairie, a well known young man of that place.

session, by [illegible] or by individual makes one all[illegible] virtual at least, so far as concerns things of this mundane sphere. There is no possibility of controlling the price of gold, because it is a law unto itself, and does not come under the law of supply and demand as a commodity. The only way by which the price or supply of gold could be regulated or controlled under existing conditions is the organization of a trust big enough to control all commodities all over the world. This would be an impossibility.

It is an acknowledged fact that a trust can be formed to hold within its grasp any other mineral except gold. We all know that the law of supply and demand regulates the price of iron and zinc and copper, and what was it but the gigantic gold interests that forced down the price of silver and made it a commodity of fluctuating value? Silver today, like any other commodity, must find a market. How different with gold! The miner with an ounce of gold has at once the thing that measures all prices. It is not a commodity that must be made over to give it a value, but it is the thing itself. It is its own market the world over, and does not need even the mint or the artizan to give it additional worth. It does not have to be shipped to market, and it does not deteriorate in weight or value, no matter how long it may be in the hands of its owner or discoverer. In short gold is gold!

Gold being the king of all metals and the standard of all values, naturally makes it the most sought after of all minerals. No distance is too great, no hardship too arduous, if the gold seeker becomes imbued with the idea that gold is ahead of him. The late stampede to the Klondyke, and the present furore over the Cape Nome placer gold discoveries on the bleak and cold shores of Alaska are ample evidence of the fact that gold is a magnet that draws people from all over the world to a common center if gold can be had in plenty.

It is this characteristic of human kind that is now bringing about the marvelous change we have seen in the last six years in western Ontario. The few hardy and courageous men who came and saw the latent wealth of the region, delved as best they could with their scanty capital, and demonstrated to a certainty that gold did exist in paying quantities in the Lake of the Woods, Rainy Lake and Seine River districts. The bullion output gradually increased from year to year, until last year, from practically [illegible] mine the output was nearly $[illegible]

There is now no question or doubt in the minds of men a[illegible] claims. The output of last year will be increased during 1900 to at [illegible] $2,[illegible]000, and from now on the increase [illegible] the production of gold [illegible] in a rapid ratio. Our output so [illegible] has kept pace step by step w[illegible] of the famous Cripple C[illegible] and the time is coming [illegible] words! when the Colorado and S[illegible] African outputs of gold will be over shadowed by that yet to be dug out of the bowels of the earth in Ontar[illegible]

The wise man who reads will heed and will invest in our stocks or mines while prices are low, and will not wait till the coming boom inflates prices beyond his reach!

Gold Estate Co.

Mr. H. E. Kyle, of the Gold Estates Company, which is operating in the Denmark lake country, was in town this week. Everything is progressing well on the property on which this company is sinking, and development work will be continued with vigor.

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The Triggs Mine.

Mr. Fair, of the Triggs Gold Mining and Development Co., is just in from the mine and reports development work progressing satisfactorily. The Triggs company has over 400 feet of underground work now done and are pushing the development of their big dyke as rapidly as they can make room underground for more men. They expect by August next to have sufficient ore blocked out to warrant the installing of a 100 stamp mill. This company has been doing more work than is generally believed, going about it in a quiet, methodical manner, but putting in everything in a substantial way, so that nothing will have to be done over later on, as is too often the case in this district. There will be enough ore blocked out by August to run the mill for two years.

Minerals.

The total mineral output of Canada for 1899 is officially set down as $47,275,512. Three years earlier, in 1896, the mineral output was only $22,[illegible]825. This means that in three years this item of the country's production has more than doubled.

The gold of the Yukon and of the new fields of British Columbia accounts for the greater part of this increase, but not for all of it by any means, for there has been an advancement all along the line in mining—in various minerals and in many parts of Canada. It is predicted that the output of iron ore will soon show an increase equal to that of gold.

Accident at the Mikado.

Mr. Pengilly, of the Mikado, came in from the mine Wednesday and reports an accident that but for the proverbial luck of a fool would have resulted [illegible]ously. It appears that one [illegible] men underground wishing to save [illegible]self a few steps, slid down [illegible] instead of landing [illegible] shot into a hole [illegible] the stopes on a lower [illegible] some sixty feet doing [illegible] in his descent and [illegible] from being [illegible] glissade was [illegible] through which his teeth could be seen, and a slight jarring of one of his shoulders. One would think that after such an escapade the adventurer would enjoy the tranquility of his downey, but next day he was seen moving around the camp quieting his nerves with a cigar, from which we gather that he is not much the worse for wear.

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BOARS' BAD RULE

An American Makes Several Charges Against Oom Paul.

FOREIGNERS FURNISH THE MONEY

IN THE SHAPE OF EXHORBITANT TAXES, AND KRUGER HAS GROWN RICH.

Thomas C. Shearman, a resident of New York, writes to the editor of the Times of that city as follows:

On December 10 you published a few questions which I addressed to the advocates of the Boers. Several gentlemen have written to you, saying that they wanted permission to answer them. Instead of doing so, they ask questions of a different kind themselves, or else indulge in mere declaration. It therefore remains for me to answer the questions myself.

In doing so, I shall state only unquestionable facts. Those who desire to find chapter and verse, as authority for these statements, can do so by reading two books, Fitzpatrick's "Transvaal," written by an Irishman, on the anti-Boer side, and "Oom Paul's People," written by Howard C. Hillegas, exclusively in favor of the Boers and avowedly suppressing all statement that any wrongful acts done by the Boers. Nevertheless the worst points against the Boers will be found in Mr. Hillegas' book.

1. In 1884 Paul Kruger was in London. He was so poor that he could not pay his hotel bill; and it was paid for him by a generous Englishman. He then expressly and publicly invited Englishmen and Americans to settle in the Transvaal and to conduct mining there.

2. Mr. Kruger afterward sold one of his own farms to Englishmen for $500,000, paid in gold. His friends and neighbors sold other farms at ever greater prices, receiving, altogether, for foreign settlers (principally English, although including Germans, Frenchmen and Americans) many millions of dollars.

3. These foreign settlers produce every dollar's worth of wealth which can be exported from the Transvaal, and every dollar in excess of what will suffice for a very bare and dirty existence to the old residents. Every dollar of the wealth now possessed by Mr. Kruger, his son-in-law, his officials

of good government, the death rate in Johannesburg has been constantly three or four times as great as even in our own badly governed city of New York. There is no use in comparing it with ordinary mining camps, because Johannesburg is a fine city, built by intelligent and educated men.

10. The foreign settlers in the Transvaal were denied the right to bear any arms, while every male Boer, from 16 years old upward, is heavily armed and drilled, at the expense of the foreigners.

11. By a press law passed for the avowed purpose of crushing the foreign settlers, all newspapers were placed at the mercy of President Kruger, who can suppress them at his pleasure.

12. By another law, passed for the same purpose, all meetings of more than seven persons in the open air are absolutely prohibited, while other meetings can be dissolved, in an instant, at the discretion of any policeman.

13. Another law was passed, absolutely prohibiting the presentation by any foreigner of even so much as a petition for redress.

14. When Mr. Kruger invited foreigners to settle in the Transvaal, full naturalization could be obtained within two years. After foreigners had accepted his invitation he repealed all naturalization laws, absolutely. Then, under pressure, he restored the laws, but made the term 14 years, but any foreigner desiring naturalization must renounce all protection, even from his own government or the Boer government, for 14 years, during which time he would be a citizen of no country whatever, and had no rights which any Boer would be bound to respect. During these 14 years he must be ready to serve in the Boer army on 12 hours' notice, and he would be frequently called upon to serve, without pay, clothing or even food, which he must provide for himself. At the end of these 14 years of degrading humiliation he would not be allowed to vote for any office worth voting for, unless his humble petition was approved by two-thirds of his Boer neighbors, by the military chief of his district, and finally by Mr. Kruger himself. Neither would he be allowed to vote [illegible] then, unless he were 40 years of age.

15. While nearly two third of persons residing in the Transvaal spoke only the English language, and less than one-third of the [illegible] could understand the barbarous Boer Dutch, the Boers insisted that all English speaking children must take their education exclusively in Dutch.

16. President Kruger resisted the introduction of railroads for years in order to compel the miners to hire his private ox teams at enormous prices. When finally he did permit the railways to be built, he granted the privilege exclusively to persons who would

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were arrested, cast into an indescribably filthy gaol, and informed that unless they pleaded guilty they would be hanged, but that if they did plead guilty they would be let off with fines.

20. Being brought into court, they were charged with an offence, which, by the express statute of Boerdom, was punishable with nothing more than a short term of imprisonment. Being assured by the Boer prosecuting officers that they would receive no greater sentence than this, and would be allowed to escape with fines, if they pleaded guilty; they did so plead; although, as to many of them, the offense could not have been legally proved.

21. No judge then on the bench being quite unscrupulous enough to serve Mr. Kruger's turn, he imported an utterly unscrupulous judge named Gregorowski. This judge publicly stated that he came for the express purpose of making it hot for for the Outlanders. After the prisoners had all pleaded guilty, this judge announced that as to the four leaders, he should not sentence them under the statute law, but would resort to the unwritten law of the Transvaal, which prescribed death for such an offence. Accordingly he sentenced these four (one of whom was a distinguished American, and probably the ablest mining engineer in the world) to death and all the others to various terms of imprisonment and heavy fines.

22. Even the Dutch settlers of South Africa being horrified at this sentence [illegible] hundreds into Pretoria [illegible] it, Mr. Kruger gravely took the matter into consideration, but announced that his [illegible] scruples forbade that he should commute the death sentence [illegible] such fines would be [illegible] blood, and his reverence for the Lord forbade that he [illegible] less rigorous than the [illegible] of Jerusalem.

23. The poor Boers therefore informed the prisoners that they could not be released on the payment of any [illegible]. But if the prisoners would, of their own accord, subscribe for charitable sums varying from $25,000 to $100,000 each for the leading men, and

a relaxation of our efforts, which will not be relaxed. In the week ending March 3, eight ships will leave England carrying 4,700 men during the week ending March 10, 15 ships, carrying 11,800 men, will leave for South Africa; during the week ending March 18, eleven ships, with 9,900 men, will sail and during the week ending March 24 nine ships with 8,900 men are to sail. Finally, during the week ending 31, six ships, carrying 8,200 men will sail, totalling about 38,800 men, and during the following month about 17,800 men will be ready, for whom ships have not been allotted. The stream of reinforcements will not run dry."

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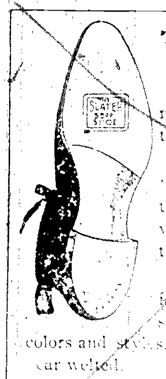

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3. These foreign settlers produce every dollar's worth of wealth which can be exported from the Transvaal, and every dollar in excess of what will suffice for a very bare and dirty existence to the old residents. Every dollar of the wealth now possessed by Mr. Kruger, his son-in-law, his officials, and indeed any one of the Transvaal population, has been produced by these settlers.

4. The taxes levied annually in the Transvaal have exceeded $20,000,000. Nine-tenths of this amount has been collected from the foreign settlers, whom Mr. Kruger invited into the country.

5. No appreciable part of these taxes is expended for the benefit of the foreign settlers. If this sum was equally divided among all the Boers, it would furnish an annual income of about $2,000 for each family, which would pay three times over all their living expenses.

6. No such equal division is made, but half these taxes have been spent in making preparation for war, and the other half devoted to the payment of enormous salaries to and jobs for Mr. Kruger, his sons-in-law, friends and political supporters. Mr. Kruger himself has avowedly received $35,000 a year salary, while on repeated occasions sums of $15,000 and $25,000 have been paid out for taxes for his direct and exclusive benefit, as appears by public records. How much more has been spent without public record can only be guessed. His son-in-law and private secretary possesses (so says Mr. Hillegas) a single house costing $250,000, and rolls in wealth besides, as he must, to support such a house.

7. The official records in a Transvaal law suit, arising upon a quarrel between two sets of Boer promoters, showing that every Boer official [illegible] bribing, including Kruger's son in law, received bribes from a Boer railroad company. The amount of each bribe was set forth in a bill of particulars filed in open court. Not one of these men ever denied the receipt of these bribes.

8. The foreign settlers, exclusively, built Johannesburg, a fine town with nearly 50,000 inhabitants. They were not merely denied any right to govern that city, they were denied any municipal government whatever. This is proved not only by the public statements of Mr. Hillegas, the American representative of the Boers, but also by a proclamation of Paul Kruger himself, dated January, 1897, a copy of which I have. Mr. Hillegas states that not $5 could be expended in repairing a road or a bridge without first receiving express authority from Pretoria.

9. As a consequence of this total lack

less than one-third either spoke or could understand the barbarous Boer Dutch, the Boers insisted that all English speaking children must take their education exclusively in Dutch.

16. President Kruger resisted the introduction of railroads for years in order to compel the miners to hire his private ox teams at enormous prices. When finally he did permit the railways to be built, he granted the privilege exclusively to persons who would agree to give to his relatives a big share of the profits. He granted monopolies of several indispensable articles of supply to the miners, with the result of doubling the price at which they could otherwise have been obtained.

17. The whole Transvaal government was corrupt and rotten from top to bottom. No business could be done without bribing the president, son in law and hangers-on.

18. Having remonstrated against these things for many years in vain, and having received frequent promises of reform, which were never kept and were never meant to be, a number of foreign residents, including more Americans, in proportion to their total number than of any other nationality, conspired together to compel these reforms to be granted. They collected rifles, ammunition, etc., but never made any use of them and never committed any overt act. Their offences were such as would at most have been punished in the United States by more than a short term of imprisonment or fines not exceeding $1,000. They neither planned nor desired to [illegible] a British colony.

19. The conspiracy being discovered before the conspirators carried it out, [illegible] of them, including six Americans,

into fines, because such fines would be "the price of blood," and his reverence for the dear Lord forbade that he should be less scrupulous than the priests of Jerusalem.

23. The pious Boers therefore informed the prisoners that they could not be released on the payment of any fines, but if the prisoners would, of their own accord, "subscribe for charities" sums varying from $25,000 to $100,000 each, for the leading men, and not less than $10,000 for anybody, the merciful president might be induced to pardon them, without any fines or imprisonment.

24. Both the British and the American governments being at that time too chicken-hearted to intervene in these proceedings, this offer had to be accepted. The American citizens all made heavy contributions to "charity," Mr. John Hays Hamilton paying $100,000. No such penalties were ever exacted in the whole history of the United States, nor during the last century in any civilized country.

25. These "charitable contributions," amounting to about $1,000,000 in all, were duly paid over to His Highness Paul Kruger or his son-in-law. It is needless to say that the "charities" have never turned up, although four years have now elapsed since the $1,000,000 was safely deposited under the control of the pious Paul Kruger.

26. Both the British and the American governments meekly submitted to these outrages upon their citizens: more shame for both of them! No wonder that Kruger described both Englishmen and Americans as "dogs, who, if they were good, would lick his boots."

The advocates of the Boers in this country assert that these acts have occurred since the Jamieson raid of December, 1895. In this there is not one word of truth, except, of course, as to the trial and sentence of the Outlanders. All the other acts of oppression above narrated, and many, many more, were committed and persisted in before the Jamieson raid occurred, or was ever thought of. In fact, the condition of the Outlanders has been distinctly better since the Jamieson raid occurred. Mr. Kruger was not quite so confident thereafter that the Outlanders would never fight as he had been before. After that raid, and not before, he permitted Johannesburg to have some kind of government, insisting, of course, that this government be absolutely under control of his own creatures. Still, it was much better to have a local government under his nomination than to have none at all.

Lots of Troops.

In the House of Lords, the secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, speaking on the relief of Ladysmith said. "The two recent successes will not be made the pretext for

tons per day. In addition to the steel plant, there will also be constructed a blooming mill of the largest size, a billet mill, rail mill and two plate mills. The entire plant will cost nearly $30,000,000.

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The Russian military attache with the Boers who was captured by the British in their rapid advance to Bloemfontein wired the czar: "I am perfectly amazed at the energy in action and the endurance of the British infantry." If the czar is acquainted with the history of the battle of Inkerman, fought in the Crimean war, he will not be greatly surprised at the information. One of Napoleon's marshals said: "The British infantry is the best in Europe. Fortunately there is very little of it."

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OUR WATER POWER

Some of the Many Possibilities of its Development.

USES TO WHICH IT CAN BE PUT

THE DOMINION'S WEALTH IN THIS RESPECT A VALUABLE ASSET.

Canada's great water power is one of the greatest assets for the future, and the possibilities of its application to commercial purposes are becoming more and more generally recognized. An interesting and instructive address on these possibilities was given by Thos. C. Keefer, C.M.G., before the Royal Society of Canada, recently, from which the following extract is taken:

Among the many partially developed resources of Canada, perhaps there is none more widespread or more far reaching in future results than her unsurpassed water power. The value of this has been enormously enhanced, first, by the expansion of the wood pulp manufacture, and the introduction of electro-chemical and metallurgical industries for which this country possesses the raw material; and, more recently, by the revolution which has been brought about by success in transmitting the energy of water falls from remote and inconvenient positions to the place where the work is done. [illegible] brings the power to the work, and when the [illegible] water, we have the [illegible] perhaps [illegible] which [illegible] desire come [illegible] and [illegible] applied [illegible]

[illegible] the windmill [illegible] and its economy [illegible] always [illegible] have [illegible] general app[illegible] the invention of [illegible] the first half of the present [illegible] exceeding about seve[illegible] could not be utilized on account [illegible] weakness and [illegible] of which is transmitted [illegible] intense electricity has the monopoly, and in the case of some of them, as in the production of aluminum, calcium carbide, carborundum, etc., their existence depends upon ample supplies of an intense electric current, for the generation of which abundant and cheap water power is indispensable.

There is another field nearly as widespread as our water power in which electricity is destined to play a most important role, and this is mining, which is now spreading over the Dominion with the same rapidity as the utilization of our forests for pulp and paper purposes. Over this area minerals have been discovered and in many cases tested and successfully worked, and from recent results we appear to be on the threshold of remarkable developments in this direction, especially as so small a portion of so great an area has been prospected sufficiently for mining purposes.

For power purposes alone, electricity is invaluable in mines, and its multiferious uses (as enumerated by Mr. Preece) are, "for moving trams and working hoists it lights up and ventilated the galleries, and by pumping keeps them free from water. It operates the drills, picks, stamps, crushers, compressors and all kinds of machinery. The modern type of induction motor, having neither brushes nor sliding contacts is free from sparks, safe, clean, convenient, cheap and produces neither refuse nor side products." The Canadian mining districts are well supplied with water power, and all the wonderful effects of electricity are available for use upon a larger and more economical scale.

FOR ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

Wherever the raw material for electrochemical, electro-metallurgical, or other industries, affords sufficient inducement, and the water power is at hand, the forest will be penetrated much more rapidly than heretofore and settlements advance in new directions.

The substitution of electricity for steam as the motive power for railways on many roads [illegible] be inevitable sooner or later [illegible] taken place as re[illegible] ways, notably in [illegible] Charlevoix road and [illegible] railway, whose water [illegible] work which has been [illegible] coal. The chief obsta[illegible] change on the larger roads [illegible] of millions invested [illegible] and the very outl[illegible] existing steam [illegible] electric system. The [illegible] inducement would be the [illegible] service owing to the increased [illegible] possible, it being confidently [illegible] with electricity, a speed [illegible] over sixty miles an hour [illegible] obtained.

Scene in a Churchyard.

Fair day performed her duty, the sun had shone its best,
And even smiled upon the world as it sank to rest.
O'er hill and vale sly evening crept, while the welcome breeze
Stooped to prest the fragrant flower or whispered 'mong the trees.

A village maiden, all alone, so pale and robed in black,
Walked quickly down a winding path, nor once her pace did slack,
Until she reached the churchyard gate, then slowly in she went,
Unmindful of the dewy grass, that kissed her as it bent.
She sought a lonely grave and then beside it knelt,
Unconscious that a woman, who near the churchyard dwelt,
Had entered in to spend an hour beside her dear child's grave:
There giving vent to grief though striving to stem its wave.

The maiden meekly raised her eyes, meanwhile praying that He,
Who decked the lillies and watched the birds, would her companion be:
And as the tears ran down her cheeks she whispered, "Jesus, dear,
I'm lonely now since mother's gone: please keep me very near."

"Day by day I need Thy help to bear my heavy cross:
The nights are long and dreary too: and often turn and toss.
But, Jesus, dear, Thou knowest all: Thou art the only One
Help me each morn and even to say, 'Thy will be done.'"

The woman heard the maiden and felt a flush of shame,
To think that she, a woman, had never breathed His name.
She had not even been a friend to those about her door.
Could she retrace her footsteps now and for His grace implore?

Ah, yes, 'twas not too late: she knelt down by her dead,
And cast [illegible] sin aside, at once seeking instead
His glori[illegible] pardon and peace so kindly give[illegible]
By Him, [illegible] paves the way from earth [illegible]

Rat Portage [illegible] ELOISE INSC[illegible]

A JUSTIFIABLE DESIRE.

[illegible] of people very [illegible] justifiable desire that [illegible] should be [illegible]

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JINGLES AND JESTS.

The Angler's Dream.

When city streets are dull and gray
And office hours are dull as they;
When, like a schoolboy back at school,
I dream about the salmon pool,
Down from my mantelpiece I reach
The idle reel and make it screech.

What glorious memories will be found
In that exhilarating sound
The freshness of the autumn breeze
That whistles through the rowan trees,
The moorland air, the grouse that calls,
And, best of all, the spate that falls;

The spate that as it hurries by
Bears down my realistic fly:
My Wilkinson, my silver Scott,
My yellow Doctor or what not,
A specious morsel to invite
The salmon's jaded appetite!

Humor this folly to the full
And give my fly less line a pull;
A sudden jerk that I may feel
The thrill and hear the screaming reel;
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[illegible] Gazette.

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NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given of the Sittings of the Court of Revision at the Town Hall, Rat Portage on Tuesday the Thirteenth day of March A.D. 1900 at the hour of 7.30 o'clock p.m., for the hearing of appeals pursuant to the Statute in that behalf respecting the proposed Sewer between Fifth and Sixth Streets and the special assessment of the cost thereof upon the lands immediately benefitted pursuant to the report of the Town Engineer dated the 26th day of February, 1900.

The estimated cost of said improvement is $421.00 payable in 20 equal annual instalments sufficient to cover interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum and a sinking fund for the payment of the said principal sum and the lands proposed to be specially assessed therefor consist of Lots 143, 142, 141, 140, 139, 138, 148, 149, 150 and 151 in Block 3.

Dated at Rat Portage this First day of March A.D. 1900.

D. H. CURRIE,
Town Clerk.

Application to Parliament.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of Ontario at its next session for an Act to confirm and legalize a By-Law of the Municipality of the Town of Rat Portage passed on the first day of May, A. D. 1899, entitled "By-Law No. 248, a By-Law to raise the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars upon the credit of the Municipality of the Town of Rat Portage for the completion of the construction of a system of water works therein" a By-Law to raise the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars by the issue of debentures for the completion of the construction of a system of water works in the said Municipality leviable on all the rateable property in the Centre, North and South wards of the said Municipality.

Dated at Rat Portage this 12th day of February, A. D. 1900.

ALLAN McLENNAN,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the Estate of WILLIAM ROSS McRITCHIE, late of the Town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes [illegible] 129, that all creditors [illegible] claims against the [illegible] Ross McRitchie [illegible] the 26th day [illegible] required on or [illegible] A. D. 1900, to [illegible] Allan McLennan [illegible] in the District [illegible] William McRit[illegible] of the said de[illegible] names and ad[illegible] [illegible]

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W[illegible] water power was at first [illegible] ly substitute for the windmill in [illegible] w countries, and its economy as [illegible] superiority has always been re[illegible] [illegible] several causes have contri[illegible] limit its more general appli[illegible] Before the invention of the [illegible] the first half of the present [illegible] heads exceeding about seven[illegible] could not be utilized on account [illegible] comparative weakness and ex[illegible] sive cost of wheels of large diameter. [illegible] these days of structural steel, [illegible] "Ferris" wheels, this difficulty could be overcome; but, with the tur[illegible] conditions are reversed, the higher the head the less the size and cost of wheels, so that the most valuable water powers were the most [illegible] utilized in this respect.

CANADA IN FIRST RANK.

Within the last ten years high volt- age electricity has been firmly estab- lished with annually increasing power of extension, and this has brought Canada into the first rank of economi- cal power producing countries. Water is thus represented by a power to which it can give birth, but which is superior to its own, in that, wherever transplanted, it can do nearly all the steam power could do, as well as give light, heat and greater speed; more [illegible] it has given rise to industries only possible with abundant cheap electricity. What is more impor[illegible] [illegible] is that such industries are [illegible] for which Canada possesses the [illegible] material, but which, without a w[illegible] power she could not engage in.

There are important industries which we have for some time util[illegible] water power for which electrici[illegible] [illegible] indispensable, but which require [illegible] large amounts of cheap po[illegible] [illegible] capable of indefinite exten[illegible] [illegible] may not need the [illegible] current necessary [illegible] [illegible] industries, they w[illegible] [illegible] transmission of thes[illegible] [illegible] many situations [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] purp[illegible] [illegible] all. [illegible] our sp[illegible] [illegible] to Eur[illegible] [illegible] recently into pulp wood and [illegible] of the United St[illegible] [illegible] by our water power [illegible] this raw material w[illegible] [illegible] times the valu[illegible] [illegible] ported for.

[illegible] of railways combined [illegible] transmission, will pro[illegible] manufactur[illegible] [illegible] including [illegible] [illegible] transportation [illegible] largest amount of local [illegible] as well as tonnage to the [illegible] delivering [illegible] from the [illegible] of hewers of wood, for other [illegible]

LIGHT [illegible] AND MINING.

When water is applied for light and [illegible] purpo[illegible] its economy is always [illegible] important factor, but it is chiefly [illegible] value for electro-chemical indus- tries that Canada will look to reap the greatest benefits, because in these it is not merely a question of competition of power producers, but one in which work which has heretofore been done by coal. The chief obstacle to an early change on the larger roads [illegible] hundreds of millions invested in locomotives, and the very outlay required to equip existing steam roads with elec- tric system. The principal advan- tage would be the passenger service, owing to the increased speed possible, it being confidently stated that, with electricity, a speed comparatively over sixty miles an hour can be attained, while the unpleasant accompaniment of smoke will be escaped.

MINERS AND MORPHINE.

Necessary Custom Which is Not Pleasant to Contemplate.

Washington Star: "When I was in the northwest last October," said a gentleman with some money invested in mines, "I employed a prospector to go out into the mountains looking for properties which had been recommended to me. One day he was to have gone from our camp over into a rough and rocky district, but when evening came he reported that he hadn't made the trip."

"Why not?" I inquired.

"Because I didn't have any morphine with me," he responded in a very mat- ter of fact manner.

"Morphine?" said I in astonishment; What has that got to do with it? You [illegible] not a morphine fiend, are you?"

"Not as much a one as you are a tenderfoot," he laughed, and proceed- ed to inform me that every prospector who knew his business always carried with him enough morphine to kill a man easily, and that he did so in order to end himself quickly in case of an acci- dent which would disable him far away from assistance. There were many instances of prospectors falling over cliffs and crippling themselves, [illegible] breaking a leg in a hole among the rocks, or rendering themselves help- less in some other way, and death was sure to follow by starvation or freez- ing, or in some instances by being de- voured by wolves or other wild ani- mals. In order to prevent such a hor- rible death as any of these the pros- pector simplifies matters by always carrying a little packet of morphine, which not only quieted the pain of the hurt he had sustained, but put him to sleep pleasantly to wake no more on earth. It struck me at first as un- canny, not to say wicked, but I got over that feeling after a narrow escape or two, and I carried my little tin box just like a veteran would."

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A MONSTER MINE.

Mr. W. A. Carlyle so Describes the Rio Tinto in Spain.

Nelson Miner: Mr. F. W. Peters has received a letter from Mr. W. A. Car- lyle, formerly of the British American Company, at Rossland, descriptive of some mines he is now connected with in Spain, which are owned by La Com- pania de Rio Tinto, Limitado. The letter was dated Feb. 12 at Minas de Rio Tinto. Mr. Carlyle describes the country and climate as being about the same as Southern California. In speaking of the mine, he says: "This mine is a monster. There are 135,000,- 000 tons of ore in sight, of which we must extract 2,000,000 tons this year. We have a very good railroad 375 miles long with 30 locomotives on the main line, and 50 at the mine, and this year we will handle 5,000,000 tons of ore. There are very extensive under- ground works. The other day down on the 1,200 foot level I was shown a solid body of ore 650 feet wide. There are 10,000 Spaniards at work and they work every bit as well and as hard as the men in the west that we were pay- ing $3.50 a day; yet we only pay here from 50c to 85c per day. I am very well pleased with the whole place. I hope labor troubles are coming to an end, and that a prosperous year is now in sight for British Columbia. Mr. Car- lyle left Rossland last November for the old country, and from there went to Spain to assume the management of the above mine.

An Enormous Sale

To all who have felt the evil effects of deranged kidneys it is interesting to know that Dr. A. W. Chase's Kid- ney-Liver Pills are meeting with enor- mous sale and unparalleled success in this district. Backaches and aching kidneys are fast becoming a thing of the past where Dr. A. W. Chase's Kid- ney-Liver Pills are known. One cent a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers.

Mounted Police.

The Dominion government has de- cided to commence recruiting the mounted police on account of the de- pleted ranks of the force by the large number who have gone to South Africa. Recruiting stations have been open at Halifax, Yarmouth and Syd- ney in Nova Scotia, and at St. John, Frederickton and Moncton, in New Brunswick, and Charlottetown, in P. E. I. Lieut. Col. Morris, formerly in- spector of the police, will look after the recruiting. There will be 125 sel- ected from the maritime provinces and recruiting stations will be opened in a few days in Quebec and Ontario for 185 more, making 300 in all. As soon as recruited the men will be taken to Regina for a course of instruction. The height of the recruits will be 5ft. 8in., chest measurement, 35 and age betwen 22 and 40.

And [illegible] the gold.
—Pall Mall Gazette.

They Don't Say Eyether.

"Hello!" called a high pitched voice through the telephone. "Is this Twig- gins & Huggerty, at the back of the yards district?"

"Yes."

"That is Mr. Fox of Kenworth. Is either of the firm in?"

"Come again?"

"I say is either member of the firm in?"

"Is what member of the firm in?"

"Either—either! Can't you under- stand?"

"Don't eat it! Say it again."

The soft voice of the telephone girl at the central station broke in:

"Try 'nether,'" she suggested. "Per- haps they don't say 'eyether' back of the yards."

Peter Pipkin's Triumph.

Mr. Peter Pipkin has a smile today for all;
Little Peter Pipkin without doubt is growing tall;
He holds his head up higher and squares his shoulders back.
A long tailed coat has taken the place of the old sack.
A high silk tile adorns his head; a stick is in his hand.
As down the street with grace he walks, his face serene and bland
Yet, stay! Our Pip walks not today; he rather glides on vapor,
For he's had his picture printed in the paper.

Mr. Peter Pipkin greets his wife with dignity;
Instead of Sally, as of yore, he calls her "Mrs. P."
Indulgently the children are allowed to kiss their sire.
The servant walks as though on pins, expecting something dire.
The office boy is filled with awe as Pip walks through the room,
And all his friends are betting on the reason for the boom.
But Pip just looks mysterious and still floats in his vapor,
For he's had his picture printed in the paper.
—Philadelphia North American.

A Slur Upon Matrimony.

No, she could not think of becoming his wife.

"But I entreat you not to go to the dogs!" she exclaimed.

"I shall not, since you ask it!" he sob- bed, and he was true to his word. He did not go to the dogs.

It was perhaps better, after all, that a man with so little real insight into the feminine nature should never marry.— Detroit Journal.

Gwine Shut Down Soon.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Wid er [illegible] bone;
Haul erway, [illegible]
[illegible]
Gwine stop [illegible]
Gwine shut down soon

De roller [illegible] yaller gal,
Squeeze de [illegible]
De [illegible]
Gwine [illegible] yo', Jane;
Roas' [illegible] possum
An bake [illegible]
De [illegible]
Gwine shut down soon.
—New Orleans Times Democrat.

Fixing the Responsibility.

"It's strange," he said, "how easy it is for a pretty girl to make a fool of a man."

"Oh, I don't think I would put it just that way," she replied, "but I will admit that it's strange how easy it is for a man to make a fool of himself over a pretty girl. Fools, you know are usually self made."

Mother Goose Up to Date.

There was a man in our town
Invested all his health,
With madly avaricious aim,
To win the goal of wealth,
And when the same he had attained,
With all his might and main,
He vainly lavished all his wealth
To get his health again.

[illegible] counts and the nature of their securities (if any) held by them.

And take notice that after said last mention- ed date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Rat Portage this 6th day of March, A. D. 1900.

ALLAN McLENNAN,
Solicitor for Wm. McRitchie,
Administrator.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of Murdock Murchison late of the Town of Rat Portage in the District of Rainy River, Lumberman, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, cap. 129 that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Murdoch Murchi- son who died on or about the 16th day of De- cember, A. D. 1899, are required on or before the 6th day of April, A. D. 1900, to send by post pre- paid or deliver to Allan McLennan, of the Town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, Solicitor for William Robertson, Executor of the last will and testament of the said deceas- ed, their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of their securities (if any) held by them.

And take notice that after the last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distrib- ute the assets of the deceased among the part- ies entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or per- sons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribu- tion.

Dated at Rat Portage this 6th day of March, A. D. 1900.

ALLAN McLENNAN,
Solicitor for Wm. Robertson,
Executor.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the Estate of Joseph Laurin, late of the Town of Rat Port- age, in the District of Rainy River, Hotel-Keeper, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given [illegible] R. S. O., Chapter 12[illegible] that a[illegible] ing claims against the [illegible] late of the Town of Rat [illegible] trict of Rainy River, Hotel-keeper, de[illegible] who died on or about [illegible] are required to send or deliver [illegible] signed, solicitor for E[illegible] Laur[illegible] tratrix of the esta[illegible] before the 27th day of A[illegible] their claims and of [illegible] by them duly verified.

And notice is [illegible] and after the [illegible] administratrix w[illegible] assets of the said [illegible] titled thereto, hav[illegible] of which notice shall have bee[illegible] the said administratrix will [illegible] the said assets or any part thereo[illegible] son or persons of whose claim or [illegible] shall not then have been received.

Dated March 1st, 1900.

J. F. MACGILLIVRAY,
Nicholson Block, Rat Portage, Ont.
Solicitor for the Administratrix.

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RAT PORTAGE, ONT, MAR. 23, 1900.

THE PROSPECTOR.

The prospectors of western Ontario have for some little time been mapping out what section they will explore this season. The spring promises to be somewhat earlier this year, and it will be but a short time till our prospectors are scattered over the district looking for the precious metal and other minerals with which they are now assured this country abounds. Many of them have bought experience with a dear price, and have learned that transportation is one of the prime necessities for successful mining. A Sultana, or a Mikado or a Gold Panner, located a hundred or two hundred miles from transportation facilities is valueless as an asset, while the same properties, situated where they are, close to water communication, have immense value. The district bordering on the Lake of the Woods is easily served by the many boats plying thereon, and probably yet presents one of the most inviting fields for prospecting. The same might very correctly be said of the territory bordering on the Manitou lakes and those on the Seine. These immense districts have as yet been only skimmed over, and it is more than likely the great properties of the future are yet to be found in these districts. It is a fallacy for our prospectors to go away north into the immense unknown country beyond the Canadian Pacific Railway, when there is such promising country yet unprospected within reach of communication, for it will be many years probably before the unknown country to the north is provided with adequate facilities for communication. We believe those who confine their work to the older districts will have better chances of securing meritorious mining properties, and the opportunities for disposing of them at good figures will be infinitely greater. The season of 1900 should be a very profitable one for the prospector, for the country is becoming better known, and more capital is seeking for legitimate investments in mining than ever before.

The careful capitalist has been

vian countries, and leave the unsettled peoples of the rest of Europe where they are. The settlers from Germany and Sweden are among the very best we secure and they quickly adopt the language and customs of the country of their adoption, and in a few years are hard to distinguish from their Canadian neighbors.

Address and Presentation.

At a regular meeting of Temperance L.O.L., No. 1689, held at Rat Portage on the 16th inst., W. Bro. George Evans was made an honorary life member of the lodge, and an address was presented to him by the members expressing their high appreciation of the services he has rendered the Orange Order in Rat Portage, and No. 1689 in particular. He was the means of organizing the lodge as well as three others in the District besides the Royal Black, Preceptory No. 340, in Rat Portage.

W. Bro. D. McMurphy was at the same meeting presented with a handsome pastmaster's jewel as a recognition of his efficiency in the chair for the previous year.

Three candidates were initiated, one by certificate, and several applications for membership. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and an enjoyable time spent. There were several addresses appropriate to the occasion by some of the members, and a number of visitors from Rat portage L.O.L. No. 1652. The following is a copy of the address:

W. Bro. George Evans,

Dear Brother,—The members of Temperance Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 1689, desire to express their high appreciation of the services which you have rendered this lodge in organizing it and assisting in building it up to its present high standing. You have proven yourself true to the core in the principles of our beloved order, and ever ready to advance its glorious principles. We would request you to accept from the lodge a certificate of honorary membership for life as a token of our regard.

Signed on behalf of the members by the W. M. and R. Sec.,

LEITH MYLES, W. M.
E. R. DI[illegible]LE, Rec. Sec.

The Men Who go to Halifax.

The men who are enlisting in the regiment to garrison Halifax will have the pleasure of spending a year in one of the most beautiful towns in America. Halifax undoubtedly has the most magnificent harbor on this side of the Atlantic, and eminent authorities have pronounced it the finest in the world. The public gardens are lovely, and the Imperial government park at the front of the city is a delightful place for a walk or drive beside the sea. There are splendid facilities for boating in the harbor in front of the city, in the Bedford basin, and on the Northwest arm, at the back of the city. Halifax is probably the healthiest garrison city in the world. The climate is almost

Letter From Gunner Hodgins.

Halifax, March 15, 1900.

Editor Rat Portage Miner:

Dear Sir,—You and citizens of Rat Portage are doubtless all aware of my recent illness at Kingston. I am happy and pleased to inform you that I have so far recovered to be allowed to go and rejoin my own regiment in Africa. Through the influence of A. W. Puttee, member for Winnipeg, I am relieved duty for three weeks on board ship. We left Kingston at 2.30 a.m. Tuesday, reaching Montreal at 8, where we remained till 11.30 waiting for the Ottawa and Toronto contingents to join us. A large crowd with the students of McGill gave us a good send off. At Quebec we were met by about 4,000 people and two bands. Anyone doubting the loyalty of the French Canadians would have their doubts dispelled had they seen this crowd. Quebec's quota of the contingent joined us here. We had another grand reception at Moncton, N. B., where we were informed that a silk flag would be presented by citizens to Col Steele's Strathcona Horse, who were following us.

At Halifax we were met by local officers and the D. O. C., where all were marched to the armory. Strathcona Horse reached here about 3 a.m. and at 10 they were loading horses on board ship.

The contingent is going to fill the places of those killed and are getting their equipments. A smoker is to be held at the armory tonight for us by the citizens of Halifax. Our orders now are to go aboard Friday and sail next day. Will send account of trip at first opportunity. Thanking the citizens and council of Rat Portage for their generosity to me.

GUNNER H. G. HODGINS.

A thing of beauty is joy forever, and of all the beauties that adorn humanity, there is nothing like a fine head of hair. The surest way of obtaining that is by the use of LUBY'S Parisian Hair Renewer. At all druggists. 50c a bottle.

To Advertisers.

It is absolutely necessary in order to insure insertion that all changes for advertisements for THE MINER should be in the office by Thursday at noon. It is impossible for us to crowd two days work into half a day and do justice to the work. Advertisers will, therefore, kindly see that they have their changes in by Thursday noon.

Children's Carnival.

The children's carnival given at Victoria rink last Friday night was a very successful one, a large number participating, and handsome prizes were given by Mr. Wilson. The band was in attendance and furnished music for the skaters after the parade [illegible] was over.

Following is the list of the prize winners:

Boys under [illegible] Willard Derry. Time [illegible]

Boys under [illegible] W. Bellet [illegible]

peg, where he had been consulting the owners of the Fairchild properties in the Manitou. He received instructions to continue the present shaft down to 100 feet. This property is one of good merit, and although the values are not exceptionally high, yet the gold is very evenly distributed through the vein, and the average assays run about $10 per ton. The vein at 80 feet is the full width of the shaft.

Retail Clerks' Association.

A number of retail clerks met in the town hall Wednesday evening and formed an association consisting of the following officers:

President, E. Poulter; 1st vice-president, J. Neal; 2nd vice-president, D. D. Stewart; secretary, H. Marshall; treasurer, A. M. Rose; executive committee, J W. Bray, J. W. Greenlees, A. J. Watson, J. McMillan, D. Wright, J. C. McKay and J. Gamble.

The principal object of the association is to induce the public to make their purchases early in the day so that the stores may be closed early without loss to the merchants or inconvenience to the public.

The executive committee will meet next Tuesday evening to make arrangements for organization and discuss expenses, fees, etc., to be ratified at a general meeting to be held later. The members will be initiated, and the association will be a sort of a secret society. A. Stewart is sentinel and J. Wood is guide. The organization should be a success and have a large membership.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned on or before Thursday, April 5th, 1900, at 6 o'clock, p. m., for the erection of a Stone Block on the corner of Main and Fort Streets, Rat Portage. Plans and specifications may be seen and all information obtained, at the office of the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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THE GREAT HOMESTAKE GOLD MINE OF ONTARIO

is situated on the Lake of the Woods, 18 miles from Rat Portage, Ontario, and contains 100 acres of land. It is conceded to be the most valuable gold bearing estate in this country so rich in big producers of gold bullion, some of which have been sold to English capitalists for millions of dollars. Big [illegible] offers were made for the Homestake mine, but the [illegible] knew the value of the property and would not sell, preferring [illegible] an interest in the mine by taking pay therefor in stock of the company, and has pooled his interests so that it in no way can interfere with the treasury stock.

The capital stock of the company is $1,250,000, divided into 1,250,000 shares of $1 each par value. The liberality of the owners and promoters is shown in the placing of 750,000 shares in the treasury, the proceeds of the sale of which are to be exclusively devoted to development work and purchase of necessary machinery. It is the most liberal conservation of the interests of the shareholders or investing public yet made by any [illegible] company.

PRICES ADVANCED

The directors of the company have placed a second block of 7,000 shares of this stock on the market at 15 cents per share, 3 cents per share down and the balance 2 cents per share per month. No certificates will be issued for less than 500 shares. These prices are subject to change without notice.

One thousand shares of this stock will pay the holders $20 per month

The board of directors of this company are well-known business men of St. Paul, [illegible] and Rat Portage, Ont., who would not lend themselves to any scheme [illegible] as follows: [illegible] Wilkinson, [illegible] John W. [illegible] Victor [illegible] W. H. [illegible] Assistant [illegible] Mineralogist [illegible]

tricts will have better [illegible] of [illegible] curing meritorious mining properties and the opportunities for disposing of them at good figures will be infinitely greater. The season of 1900 should be a very profitable one for the prospector, for the country is becoming better known, and more capital is seeking for legitimate investments in mining than ever before.

The careful capitalist has been watching this district for the past three or four years, waiting for some definite results from the mines already being worked before he would venture. The results from the Sultana, the Mikado and other properties have been eminently satisfactory, and the big moneyed men have satisfied themselves that we have gold and in paying quantities possibly beyond that of any other known district. After others have borne the brunt they are willing to invest and invest they will to a degree beyond our anticipations. It will be well then for the prospector to have his best properties in presentable shape and secure them if possible within easy reach by boat or railway.

SPRING AND THE BOATS

The Rat Portage business [illegible] awaiting the return of spring [illegible] W[illegible] the advent of fine weather [illegible] will take on a new turn [illegible] body will be in a rush to take [illegible] ge of the return of the tide [illegible] meantime mining companies [illegible] ting out their supplies to the [illegible] properties in sufficient quan[illegible] per them over the [illegible] safety of travel [illegible] the opening of navi[illegible] [illegible] are getting [illegible] hauled and painted so that [illegible] ready to handle what [illegible] ses to a heavy spring trade. The town council should also look [illegible] that arrangements are [illegible] the improvement of the streets [illegible] as the snow [illegible] ground, so that they will be [illegible] present [illegible] shape than they were [illegible] Much excellent work was done [illegible] improving and grading some of the streets last summer, which will be appreciated during the coming season but the work was commenced too late.

Settlers [illegible] for the west are passing daily. The year promises to eclipse any former year in the number and character of the immigrants who will settle in the Northwest and Manitoba. It has been estimated by the government agents operating in the United States that from 70,000 to 75,000 settlers will come during the year from that country alone. We believe for the future of the country it would be better if the Dominion government confined its attention to securing immigrants from the United States, Great Britain, Germany and the Scandana-

Atlantic, and emi[illegible] [illegible] rities have pronounced it the [illegible] the world. The public gardens [illegible] y and the Imperial government [illegible] at the front of the city is a d[illegible] place for a walk or drive [illegible] [illegible]. There are splendid facili[illegible] [illegible] ating in the harbor in front of [illegible] in the Bedford basin and on [illegible] west arm. at the back of [illegible] [illegible]. Halifax is probably the best [illegible] rison city in the world. The [illegible] thirst salubrious, and the [illegible] up high and dry, with de[illegible] water on three sides of it.

If it becomes the custom [illegible] garrison Halifax with Cana[illegible] [illegible] from all the provinces of the Dominion the capital of Nova Scotia will become better known to Canadians in general than ever before.

Both Halifax and St. John are destined to become [illegible] as Canada grows in population [illegible] wealth, and the people of the [illegible] provinces should do all in [illegible] [illegible] to help them to become [illegible] It will add much to the [illegible] of Canada to have some big [illegible] Atlantic.

The Bad Mine.

The Bad min[illegible] [illegible] so good that it is to be [illegible] under the name of the [illegible] Arrangements have been [illegible] vigorously push the devel[illegible] and plenty of funds have been [illegible] for that object. Mr. C. B[illegible] have charge of the work. [illegible] months a 20 stamp mill will [illegible] ing on this property, giving [illegible] their rich bullion producer [illegible] of interest to our readers [illegible] at this property has pro[illegible] $9,000 out of less than 40 fe[illegible] pment, and gives promise [illegible] [illegible] breaker.

The Sultana.

Manager Strong, of the Sultana [illegible] was in town this week and appears to be jubilant over the [illegible] at [illegible] going piling up on the plates since the [illegible] have again begun to drop. There is an enormous amount of development work being done on the old reliable, and we think that ere long the returns of bullion will open the eyes of even the friends of the Sultana.

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We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 25c bottle of Dr. Willis' English Pills, if, after using three-fourths of contents of bottle, they do not relieve Constipation and Headache. We also warrant that four bottles will permanently cure the most obstinate case of Constipation. Satisfaction or no pay when Willis' English Pills are used. Johnson's Pharmacy, Rat Portage, Ont. J. E. Wood, Druggist, Rat Portage, Ont., J. Werner, Druggist, Rat Portage, Ont.

Children's Carnival.

The children's carnival given at Victoria rink last Friday night was a very successful one, a large number participating, and handsome prizes were given by Mr. Wilson. The band was in attendance and furnished music for the skaters after the parade of the costumers was over.

Following is the list of the prize winners:

Boys under 12, 1 mile—Willard Derry. Time 1.10

Boys under 16—W. Bellefeuille.

Three mile race—D. A. Brown. Time 9.41.

Novice race—V. Weidman. Time 3.20.

Half mile backward—P. Goldthorpe. Time 4.10.

Hurdle race—P. Goldthorpe.

Mile race—T. Phillips. Time 3.20.

Addison C. Rand.

Addison C. Rand, long president of the Rand Drill Co., New York, died suddenly at his residence in New York on the evening of March 9th. His illness was the result of a severe cold and lasted only 24 hours. He was one of the pioneers in the manufacture of rock drills and air compressing machinery, and for a large part of his life the construction of such machinery absorbed his attention. The Rand Drill Co., with its extensive business, is chiefly the result of his work.

Mr. Reynolds, manager of the Nino mine, is in town, and reports great progress at the Nino. The shaft is at present over 50 feet deep, and the showing continues as good as ever.

A large number of our young people went to Norman to attend the lecture on "Choosing a Partner for Life." We have heard of no marriages taking place since, but perhaps the leaven has not yet had time to work.

E. A. Chapman, editor of the News, was confined to the house for a few days this week.

J. H. Woodside, of Woodside Bros.' foundry, Port Arthur, spent Wednesday in town on the way home from attending the funeral of his brother at Portage la Prairie.

The Lake of the Woods Daily made its appearance in Rat Portage last week under the editorial management of Mr. E. A. Chapman. It is a creditable paper for the size of the constituency to which it caters, and it deserves an era of prosperity much greater than that attained by former ventures of this kind.

R. Thompson, who attended the meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West at Bracebridge as a delegate from this town, was appointed a lecturer by the Black Preceptory. Mr. Belyea also attended the meeting as a delegate from Rat Portage.

Last night a number of our young people went over to the residence of Mayor McCarthy on Coney Island and took possession of the house proceeding to enjoy themselves by playing progressive pedro. After getting their fill of card playing the rooms were cleared and dancing was indulged in until it was most certainly time to go home when all present were loth to leave. The Misses McCarthy made it very pleasant for their unexpected guests, all of whom will most certainly come again.

H. D. Alston, of Wabigoon, was in town Sunday, on his way from Winni-

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One thousand shares of this stock will pay the holders $20 per month in one year after starting our mill.

The bo[illegible] company, are well-k[illegible] ness men of St. P[illegible] Rat Portage. On[illegible] not lend them[illegible] scheme, and are [illegible]

[illegible] Wes[illegible] Northern Ry. [illegible] & Nelson, Gen[illegible] A. Kelly, Great [illegible] Hill, Assistant [illegible] Great Northern Ry. [illegible] Mineralogist, [illegible] owner, C. D. [illegible] J. Bowman, secretary [illegible] treasurer.

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Our Sporting Column

The interest in the mercantile hockey league is not abating a whit. On Monday night the schools and Wanderers met to play off the tie in which their previous game resulted. The game was very exciting and a great deal of rough play was indulged in. The line up of the teams was as follows:

Wanderers.		Schools.
Smith	Goal	Griffis
S. Johnson	Point	Martin
Guthrie	Cover	Beaudro
Burrage	Forwards	Phillips
Hilliard		Hooper
Goldthorpe		Clark
R. Johnson		McMurphy

L. Roach refereed the game and Weidman umpired for the Schools until he allowed a goal that was thought by some to be nearer the opposite goal, when Fraser took his place. Stone umpired for the Wanderers. The game was fast and very good hockey at times. The score ended 4-3 in favor of the Schools.

Keewatin Came, Saw and [illegible]

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Portage were the contestants. In the 36th round Brown fell but Bellefeuille did not spurt and Brown gradually overtook the local man, winning out by about a fifth of a lap.

The backward race had two entries, McGimsie and Goldthorpe and was won by the latter.

In the hurdle races there were four entries. McGimsie, Williams, W. Bellefeuille and Goldthorpe who won, with McGimsie second.

The girs' race failed to take place, owing to the fact that either there is no rivalry among them or else the girls don't care to exert themselves. But there may be other reasons.

The novice race was very exciting and quite amusing. Tumbles were numerous but the race was won by steady plugging and slowing up at the turns. The entries were V. Weidman, Hooper, McGimsie and Martin. The first mentioned took the race.

On Saturday night there is to be another series of races at the rink, Mr. Wilson having provided prizes. The principal events will be the amateur free for all half mile, mile and 5-mile races, and it is thought there will be some exciting competition as some of the Winnipeg boys will doubtless compete.

Wanderers vs. Clerks.

Last night the Wanderers and Clerks crossed sticks for a fairly warm game. There was much shinney in it though. Owing the the disabiliey of A. Young and the absence of Guthrie neither team was made up of its regular membership. The line up was as follows:

Wanderers.		Clerks.
Smith	Goal	Pender
S. Johnson	Point	Baker
Swinford	Cover	Nunn
Hilliard	Forwards	McGimsie
Burrage		J. Wood
L. Johnson		W. Johnson
Goldthorpe		Campbell

The play was lively but the score at the end of the first half was 2-0 for the Wanderers. In the second half each side scored 2, the Wanderers winning by 4-2. T. Phillips was referee and Messrs. Hopkins and Watson umpired. R. Francis was timekeeper and he is most certainly the equal of the best Waterbury made.

There is one thing we can say in favor of the clerks; they are very gentlemanly and accept the inevitable with a good grace. Although we presume that as they handle so much of the material that they have to chew the rag when on pleasure bent.

CURLING.

The Boys are Getting Things Well Rounded up.

Last night, by defeating Campbell's Wranglers, Clark's Family Compact made their title clear to the stones offered as a prize in this competition by the patron, Mr. Rogers.

Neads' Lucky Coons, by careful playing, etc., won out from Cameron's Backsliders in the finals, and have now proved their claim to the bucket prize given for competion by the patroness, Mrs. Carmichael. These two rinks will play off individually for the prizes.

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THE · NEWS · FROM NORMAN.

Emile Boisvert, of Greenwood, B.C., is visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Biladeau, of the Lake of the Woods hotel.

Mrs. A. Paterson is seriously ill with *inflamation of the lungs.*

J. Hubner, from the Sultana mine, is spending a few days with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hubner.

Miss Meada McCulloch has been ill with la grippe.

Jos. Desilet, of Scotty Island mine, spent Sunday with his family.

G. Cukner is confined to his room with la grippe and rheumatism.

Rev. J. Puller's lecture on "Partners for Life," was a pronounced success, and showed the reverend gentleman's ability as a lecturer to good advantage. Before the lecture a short programme was given by the Misses Insul, Orr and Scott, assisted by the Glee Club.

Louis Boisvert, father of Mrs. H. Biladeau, has been dangerously ill with la grippe, but is now recovering.

Miss Eva Large gave a party to a number of friends last Friday night to celebrate her 13th birthday anniversary. The young people spent *a* very pleasant time playing games till midnight. Miss Eva was the recipient of *many* pretty and useful presents.

The Norman junior hockey team played a match last Saturday with the Keewatin juniors. They put up a good fight but were defeated by a score of 2 to 1.

Miss Jessie Greenwood while leaving the house to go up town Wednesday *evening, accidently* fell down and sprained her ankle.

Sacred Concert.

Those immediately interested in the sacred concert which took place in Notre Dame church last Monday, while grateful to those from the Catholic choir who took part, beg once more to thank Mesdames Gunne, Godwin, and Rogers, and Mr. Carpenter, for their ready assistance. It is regretted that Mesdames Towers, Moore, Sigurdson and L'Heureux were unable to take part. Mr. Mulvey must be thanked per se, for so far as choirs are concerned, in military parlance he is unattached.

That the concert was not a financial failure is due largely to the generosity of our kind Protestant brethren, who bought tickets even when foreseeing that they could not attend, and to the spirited response of the French speaking people of Norman. Many thanks. [illegible]

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

The Kinetograph, a first class moving picture machine, called out a crowded house to the Grand theater last evening and all went away well pleased with the entertainment. The views included several specially good ones, among them the Gordon Highlanders on parade, the run of the Syracuse fire department, and one which evoked special enthusiasm — the first Canadian contingent during their farewell march at Quebec. By this film the Winn[illegible] men led by the late

MINER the plans of the new building which will in every way be a credit to Rat Portage. It will be three stories with basement, and will be built of limestone. Work will be commenced on the building as soon as possible, and Mr. Brydon said that the Union Jack would be flying from the flagstaff on Dominion Day.

While away Mr. Brydon visited Ottawa and Toronto where he met many of his old-time friends.

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is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the throat and permanently cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Blower free. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

Miss E. Cameron is at home to her young friends this evening from 7 to 11 o'clock.

R. Mitchell and John Murphy have gone to St. Catherines on a visit.

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TO LET—4 room house near corner of Mining and Fifth streets, to rent at $8 per month. Apply Sheriff Carpenter, Court House, Rat Portage.

TO LET On May 1st, Store and dwelling over, now occupied by Mr. Allan Young as the Lake of the Woods Clothing Store. Apply to C. W. Chadwick.

FOR SALE or exchange a good horse; apply to Robt. Graham, blacksmith, First street, Rat Portage.

WANTED A small Tug Steam Boat, on Lake of Woods. State lowest cash price, full particulars of Boat, Boiler, Engine, speed and fuel consumed per hour while working at full capacity. Address Crotty & Cross, Winnipeg, Man.

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SHORTHAND taught by a late main student James Quinn, of Cusack's Business College, London, England.

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The game Wednesday night was very good hockey, the work of McPherson and Cameron on the forward lines of the visitors being especially noteworthy, as was also that of McDougall, their goalkeeper. For Cameron & Heap, Bungard and Hanson played well, but Goldthorpe and Griffis seemed to be a trifle off color. Still [illegible] shot in four of the six goals secured by his side. Fisher played quite a game. It was really surprising the way he walked all over some of the opposition. Then some of the spectators said if he did less talking he would have more wind to play hockey with. Now wasn't that mean? The game was very exciting, and the rooters for Keewatin were very enthusiastic. The score was 6-7 for Keewatin. Some of the Keewatin boys showed a propensity for catching hold of their opponents' sticks and holding fast. Now that looks suspicious as it suggests [illegible] darkened, probably [illegible] the line-up was as follows:

Cameron & Heap.		Keewatin
Hodson	Goal	McDougall
Smith	Point	Kehlin
Hanson	Cover	G. Mc[illegible]
Bungard	Forward	Fisher
Griffis		E. Cameron
Goldthorpe		McPherson
Preston		C. Sutherland

T. H[illegible] made a very efficient referee, while T. Phillips and C. F[illegible] goals. It was a good match and the Keewatin boys won by clever [illegible]manship and good hockey.

Schools vs. Lumbermen.

On Saturday the hockey players employed by the Rat Portage Lumber Co. will meet in battle array those young sprouts which are being taught to shoot by Principal Roberts in our institution of learning. The young gentlemen who hail from the east end of the town will try to play hockey according to text book and show the saw-dust makers that the game is a science and can be worked out like a mathematical problem, the result being the defeat of the sawyers with numerical result in ratio of the mental [illegible] of the respective teams. The lumbermen think [illegible]

The Races.

[illegible] The three mile race for all amateur race had two entries and was exciting. Brown of Winnipeg and Bellefeuille of Rat

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Three rinks who were members of the club prior to 1891 issued a challenge a week ago to play three rinks whose members had joined since that date, for three barrels of flour for the hospital. The defy was promptly accepted, and the games were played Friday evening. Two of the rinks of the old timers never saw the front score, but the game between Cameron's and Gaudaur's rink proved an exciting contest. The aggregate gave the youngers a majority of [illegible] shots. The waiting rooms were crowded with spectators, a large number of whom were ladies, and the enthusiasm at times was at fever heat. The same combination has a challenge out for another game with the same team next Wednesday for the [illegible] consideration and satisfaction.

In the green curlers' competition Moran and Austin played this morning, the latter winning. Tomorrow Austin and Clark play for the Neads cup.

Last night Hudson's [illegible] defeated Drewry's [illegible] in the Smith-Fischel competition, and are now in the finals. They play off with Langford's big four this afternoon. If the big four wins, the Methodists will carry away all three competitions.

Messrs. Smith, Neads, Rogers and [illegible]pbell of the [illegible] persuasion [illegible] a very [illegible] worded challenge [illegible] play any four representatives of the [illegible]sers, insurance, hotelmen, lawyers [illegible] lumbermen for a sack of that article that makes the Scotchman's back strong—oatmeal. The challenge has been accepted by the insurance men in the persons of Carmichael, Clark, Currie and Austin. The positions to be played by the challenging team will be chosen by lot.

HOW ABOUT THE BAND.

Is Rat Portage, the Saratoga of the West, to Have no Music?

Now that it is about time to begin to think of opening up for the summer season it is well to see what steps are to be taking to provide music for the town. The band at present has no organization. The present council may see fit, however, to do something in the line of a grant for the band if it is made to see the thing in the proper light, and in the event of the town's finances being at too low an ebb to admit of any expenditure along the line of amusements, there is no doubt that a proper canvas among our public-spirited citizens would raise quite a sum. It might be stipulated in granting the money that the band should play twice a week in the band stand on stated evenings. The money could be used for salary of the bandmaster, and to buy uniforms. The council will most [illegible] grant [illegible] amount, and if [illegible] can be supplemented by [illegible] subscription [illegible] leader should [illegible] sufficiently well to allow him to devote considerable time to it and [illegible] could, if possible, be [illegible] so that a [illegible] discipline could be imposed upon members by the leader.

Mr. G. E. Clarke, who has been visiting Stillwater and other points in Minnesota and Wisconsin, returned to Rat Portage Monday.

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The above company will be at the Hilliard opera house for the week commencing Monday, April 2.

Death of D. A. Larson.

Our readers will regret to learn of the death at Dyment of Mr. D. A. Larson on Sunday last. The cause of death was cancer in the stomach. The deceased had been prominent in mining circles in the district for several years, and was the founder of Wabigoon. He was an energetic and wide-awake citizen and a firm believer in our mineral resources. His widow and relatives have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

Mother's Favorite

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is mother's favorite remedy for croup, bronchitis, asthma, coughs, colds and sore throat. It has by far the largest sale of any remedy for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to the taste, prompt in action and is an absolute safeguard against consumption and pneumonia. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

Mr. Insull Leaves for Portage.

E. H. Insull, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Keewatin, has resigned his position, and will leave next month for Portage la Prairie, where he will engage in business. Mr. and Mrs. Insull, and the former's sister, Miss Insull, will be much missed in Keewatin social circles. They have been valued members of the Methodist choir, and took an active part in everything pertaining to the musical service of the church. The business people of Rat Portage will miss E. H.'s cheery visits; but, while regretting his decision to leave the district, will wish him every success in the western Portage.

Mr. Brydon's New Block.

Mr. J. K. Brydon has returned from his trip to eastern Ontario, feeling hale and hearty and filled up with enthusiasm over the fine new block he is about to erect at the corner of Main and Fort streets. He showed The

F[illegible] horse, apply to Robt. Graham, blacksmith, Fort street, Rat Portage.

WANTED A small Tug Steam Boat, on Lake of Woods. State lowest cash price, full particulars of Boat, Boiler, Engine, speed and fuel consumed per hour while working at full capacity. Address Crotty & Cross, Winnipeg, Man.

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SHORTHAND taught by a late male student James Quinn, of Cusack's Business College, London, England. Either in class or separately, commencing March 7th. Apply for terms, etc., to

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BUILDING CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the [illegible] Annual Meeting [illegible] will be held at the company's office in [illegible] Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, on Monday, April 9th, [illegible] at the hour of [illegible] o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors for the [illegible] year, the report of the auditors, the election of officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the said meeting.

Dated at Rat Portage this [illegible] day of March, 1900.

F. A. HUDSON, Secretary.

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PEAT HARD TO DRY

The Pressed Article Will Never be Used as Fuel.

IT COSTS TOO MUCH TO PREPARE

NO MACHINERY YET INVENTED CAPABLE OF DOING THE WORK.

The following article is taken from the Orangeville Advertiser and will prove of interest to readers of this district, where there are immense peat bogs:

Many attempts have been made to invent machinery capable of using the immense quantities of peat in England and Ireland but so far without any success.

As far back as the year [illegible] the British government offered a reward of $10,000 to any person who would be able to put peat upon the market suitable for fuel and condense it in commercial quantities. The result of this reward was the spending of vast sums of money in endeavoring to perfect machinery for this purpose, all of which was utterly lost to the vain seekers for the reward.

It is necessary to dry peat out thoroughly before it can be pressed into blocks sufficiently hard, because it is a scientific principle that you cannot condense water or anything containing water. All machines which condense peat by pressing it through square or circular tubes must of necessity be complete failures, because a generation of heat takes place at the point of contact of the plunger with the peat to be pressed in the center of th[illegible], and this heat, according to [illegible] scientific law, causes an ex[illegible] the tube in the center large [illegible] the lower end, and it is neces[illegible] therefore to drive the pressed [illegible] of peat out of the expanded space caused by the heat through a smaller hole. The expansion goes on increasing, becoming larger at each stroke of the plunger until the tube bursts, or the machinery stops at its weakest point. It may be that the plunger will break, or the belts will slip or the power of the engine will be found to be insufficient, but the strain is bound to show itself somewhere, be-

Even when the amount of moisture is reduced by sun drying, which is a slow and expensive process, to 50 per cent., it will still take about one ton of peat to dry out one, and in order to do this a continuous supply of hot dry weather is necessary. Another great objection to the artificial drying or even partial artificial drying of peat is that it cannot be easily disintegrated or broken up so as to allow the heat to come at the separate particles of peat bogs. Peat is of the nature of clay to such an extent that it will not separate itself from the water. After being pressed peat is not weather proof, nor is it non-friable, but if exposed to a rain shower or to damp air for a time, will immediately begin to reabsorb moisture and will crumble into its original constituents. Even though not exposed to moisture, pressed peat does not handle well, and will break up and crumble in transportation. These reasons seem to indicate that pressed peat will never be used as fuel, so as to compete with the crude article dried in the sun, but "we expect the crude article which can be sold for $1 to $2 per ton will after the people get into the habit of using it, become an every day article of fuel. In fact in a very few years we may expect the perfume of peat reek to pervade the air and become as dear to the Canadian heart as it is to the Irish heart.

Wiped off the Slate.

One of the many poets produced by the present war has written the following verse, dedicated to President Kruger:—

We stumbled; but we did not fall
A bitter debt we've had to pay;
We've deeply drunk of sorrow's Pa[illegible]
Since that first dark Majuba Day
Our turn has come in spite of all,
Our time to wipe the stain a[illegible]
O will you speak so proudly, [illegible]
When next comes round Majuba Day?

Majuba Day! Majuba Day!
Here's a health to Bobs and [illegible]
For the wiped-out shame [illegible]
fame;—
And the work they [illegible]
Day!

Don't Throw Your Faded
THINGS AWAY.

Diamond Dyes
Give New Life to
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A TWICE TOLD TALE

A St. Thomas Lady in May, '97, Told how Doan's Kidney Pills Cured Her of Backache and Made Her Strong and Healthy.

In a recent letter she tells how she has enjoyed two and a half years of splendid health—free from pain or suffering.

There are very few remedies now on the market that will stand the test of time. All they do is to give a little temporary relief. They never go to the seat of the trouble and root it out of the system.

Not so with Doan's Kidney Pills.

Their action on the kidneys is of a permanent curative character, altogether unlike any of the substitutes or cheap imitations.

One strong proof of this is the two statements made by Mrs. E. W. Trump, of St. Thomas, Ontario.

The first of these, made May 10th, 1897, is as follows: "When I commenced taking Doan's Kidney Pills I was sick and miserable with severe pains in my back and kidneys. I was also very weak and nervous. Since using these pills the pains have been removed, my nerves have been strengthened and good health has been restored to me. They are a splendid medicine for kidney trouble of any kind."

The second statement which we give below is of recent date, and shows what splendid health Mrs. Trump has had since Doan's Kidney Pills have cured her over two and a half years ago.

"Over two years ago I wrote telling of the cure made in my case by Doan's Kidney Pills. At the present time I am enjoying the very best of health, sleep well, eat well and my old enemies, backache and kidney trouble have never returned. Instead of misery and a broken-down constitution, I have for the past two years enjoyed a fresh sense of the value and beauty of life."

the floor [illegible] his feet. "What's the matter with you?" said the blind man, looking [illegible] "you [illegible] the most nervous child I [illegible]. But I've found what I [illegible] needed, and I'll just cut it [illegible] your paper, for it's [illegible] one corner where nobody [illegible]. W[illegible] that he produced a [illegible] paragraph, folded the [illegible] back. "Here you are," [illegible] and run along."

[illegible] a sort of [illegible] and [illegible] out. He [illegible] touched by the man's [illegible] the fact is I felt [illegible] self. When I [illegible] the change [illegible] back in [illegible] any other me[illegible] Ottawa [illegible]

THEATRE TIPS.

[illegible]

FINE WHITE SHIRTS.

High Prices Paid by Some Men For This Item of Apparel.

A man can buy a good, well made, well fitting white shirt for $1; he can buy other white shirts for less than that, and then he can get shirts made to order at any price he wishes to pay up to $10 each. He can find establishments where the lowest priced white shirt kept in stock sells at $3.50 and where the lowest priced shirt made to order is sold at $4, or $48 a dozen. A shirt of this sort would have a body of the best domestic cotton and a plain linen bosom. It would be simply a fine, handsome, well made shirt, and probably more than 50 per cent of the shirts sold here would be of that price and description, the other 40 per cent or so being shirts finer still. At $5.50, for example, or at $6 with the collar attached, could be had a shirt with a body of French muslin and a bosom of pique of very fine quality. The patterns of the pique are likely to be rather simple than otherwise in design, and the shirts are made sometimes with the lines of pique running vertically in the bosom and sometimes with the lines horizontal. Subdued in effect as the pattern is, the pique bosomed shirt might nevertheless seem to some men rather fanciful, but there can be no doubt that many of the fine shirts of this character are thoroughly artistic productions. A shirt of this kind, as it comes from the hands of the expert ironer, with the delicate pique pattern showing faintly in absolutely faultless lines upon a bosom so ironed that it has a slight convexity of outline and the perfect uniformity of a shield, is certainly an object that is agreeable to the eye.

Pique bosomed shirts are worn chiefly by young men. Of all the higher priced dress shirts, such as are here referred to, taken together, perhaps 25 per cent would be made with pique bosoms, 75 per cent being made with plain linen bosoms.

A shirt that sells at $9, or $108 a dozen, is made with a body of figured linen batiste, with an extra fine linen bosom; the collar and cuffs are attached. All the materials of which this shirt is made are fine and sheer and beautiful and very light. A completed shirt of this sort, unlaundered, weighs less than four ounces.

All fine dress shirts such as are here mentioned are invariably made with cuffs attached, but not always with collar attached, and it was not necessary that they should be, and yet it was said that if the wearer desired to attain the acme of perfection in his apparel and to be able to withstand any scrutiny he had his shirts made with collar as well as cuffs attached.

Men that wear shirts of these sorts buy four or five dozen of them a year or perhaps more. The[illegible] after signs of wear appear [illegible] shirts go often to the laundry [illegible] helps to wear them out. [illegible] for men ord[illegible] such [illegible] say, two doz[illegible] dozen perhaps [illegible] and [illegible]

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speed caused by the heat through a smoke hole. The expansion goes on increasing, becoming larger at each stroke of the plunger until the tube breaks, or the machinery stops at its weakest point. It may be that the plunger will break, or the belts will slip or the power of the engine will be found to be insufficient, but the strain is bound to show itself somewhere, because the machinery is endeavoring to do an impossible thing and is contravening all mechanical laws. Another fatal objection to the manufacture of peat is that it must be thoroughly dried.

In the first place in order to press crude peat successfully it should be reduced to about 12 or at least 15 per cent of moisture. Peat in the bog contains a percentage of 85 to 90 of water, and is one of the slowest drying articles in the known world. As a matter of course the drier the article the better fuel it will be, because that portion of the peat which is dried is reduced in efficiency by the amount of moisture contained in the whole. The best fuel on earth, first class coal, only contains two to three per cent. of moisture. It will be seen then that for every ten tons of peat fresh from the bog, only one ton of the dry article could be obtained, thus making it necessary to handle ten tons for every ton obtained; it will also be necessary to evaporate nine tons of water out of the material in order to get one ton of the dry material. Thus the expense of handling would be much greater than the total profit. One ton of peat will evaporate six tons of water [illegible] but in the case of water [illegible] in the peat, the peat itself [illegible] sistance to the evaporation [illegible] water something [illegible] to the d[illegible] out of a wet [illegible] For instance, [illegible] wet a blanket [illegible] open pan on the [illegible] the stove [illegible] few minutes, but when it is atten[illegible] to dry the water out of the [illegible] even though it is only the thick blanket, the particles of wool [illegible] resistance to evaporation, and [illegible] longer time is required with [illegible] double the amount of fuel. It w[illegible] seen that for the production of [illegible] ton of dry peat by the use of [illegible] material as fuel at least two [illegible] dry material must be used or [illegible]. That is not taking into account the expense of handling and pressing. It would cost more to dry out the water [illegible] its commercial value.

Another great objection to artificial drying is that by the application of intense heat to the peat a large amount of the combustible material contained in peat is thrown off in the evaporation and renders it much less valuable as a fuel. It is safe to say that in order to dry up the water in a bog of peat, would require at least double the quantity of peat contained in the bog with the addition of the labor and the drying of it thrown in.

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A very good joke, at the expense of a paper whose editor does not understand financial or commercial terms, is told by the Mont[illegible] this week. There is in Montreal a little paper called Les Debats, published on Sunday mornings, whose editors were real happy last Sunday over "scoop," by which it got ahead of every newspaper in the city. It [illegible] a good deal of type to tell that the Montreal and London Gold Mining Company had subscribed $25,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The [illegible] tion was gleaned from a line in that portion of the company's annual re[illegible] relating to the disposition of [illegible] which [illegible] "Contingent Fund, $25,000." Clearly Les Debats [illegible] never heard the English [illegible] except in connection with South African war.

A CHAMPION [illegible] MAN.

How He Earned His Right to the Unenviable Title.

"I think I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] rather [illegible] [illegible] bliss [illegible] nothing [illegible] The [illegible] looking gent [illegible] oned him over, [illegible] a paper and began to peruse it. He went about the reading with care and deliberation and occasionally he laid down the sheet and took a few mouthfuls of dinner. Meanwhile the newsboy was fidgeting from one leg to another and shooting anxious glances at possible customers around the room, but the bland gentleman read on regardless. I was watching the pair out of the tail of my eye and kept track of the time by a clock that hung overhead.

"Five minutes elapsed, then ten, then 15, and the newsboy, who had collapsed wretchedly into a chair, began to drum

[illegible] his [illegible]. I am willing to back him at even money against any other mean man in Louisiana."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THEATER TIPS.

To begin with, always come in late and slam down your seat as hard as you possibly can.

If your seat happens to be behind a pillar, blame the usher [illegible] the theater.

[illegible] everything, good, bad and indifferent.

If you have seen the play before, make it a point to let everybody know what's coming next.

In the case of a comic opera, hum all the choruses and beat time with your feet.

If you are a man, always go out between the acts, but never return until the curtain has risen unless you have an aisle seat.

If you are a woman, make yourself conspicuous between the acts by trying to carry on a conversation with some friends six or seven rows distant.

On your way out pull the play and players all to pieces and ogle and elbow everybody like everything.—Criterion.

Coffee and "Antique" Rugs.

You may possess genuine antique oriental rugs of the purest dye, but unless you have documentary evidence on the subject I warn you not to be too sure that age and age alone has mellowed their colors. I went into a rug shop on Fourteenth street with a friend not long ago to help her buy a rug. An antique Kashmir square took her fancy, but some flecks of vivid green in the center of it displeased her.

"I'd take it if it hadn't that bright green in it," she said.

The rug dealer smiled persuasively.

"It is nothing, that green," he said. "You take the rug—a genuine antique, madam—you see by the color, that, and when you drink your coffee you just dip a sponge into it and rub it over the green. It is no more bright green then. It is a beautiful dark green. So simple, madam, and a real antique, I assure you."

And goodness only knows how many rugs that gild oriental's coffee h[illegible] [illegible]ed and mello[illegible]

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[illegible] always begins with a neglected cold, and how dreadful must be the misery of every mother whose dear ones fall [illegible] this monster as a result of mother's neglect to cure the cold.

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Burying a Rattlesnake Alive.

It would not seem a very easy thing to bury a snake alive, but that is what a traveller through western Indian Territory saw some prairie dogs doing. The story is told in Forest and Stream:

The traveler was resting under a tree when he noticed a commotion among some dogs near him. They would run up to a certain spot, peep at something and then scamper back. Looking more closely, he saw 15 to 20 dogs about a rattlesnake, which presently went into one of the dogs' holes.

No sooner had it disappeared than the little fellows began to push in dirt, evidently to fill up the hole. By the time they had pretty well covered the entrance the snake stuck his head up through the dirt, and every dog scampered off to a safe distance, all the time barking.

The snake slowly crawled to another hole about a rod distant and went in. Then forward came the dogs again, and all went to work to push up earth to the hole. This time they succeeded and completely covered the entrance. This done, they proceeded to beat the earth down using their noses to pound it with. When it was quite hard, they went away. The traveler examined their work and was surprised to find that they had packed the earth in solid with their noses and had sealed the snake inside.

Brought Her a Fortune.

A short time ago a man died in Brussels leaving nearly his entire fortune to a young woman who was entirely unacquainted with him. This is how it came to pass: He was a very eccentric man and set out, like Diogenes, in search of an honest man. His tub was an omnibus and his lantern a small coin.

In the omnibus he took his seat every day near the conductor and always showed himself very obliging in passing up the money of passengers and returning the change, but to the latter he always managed to add a franc or a half franc. Then he would watch those to whom it came. They would count it carefully, notice the extra coin and invariably slip it into their pockets. No one thought of the poor conductor, whose meager salary of only 3 francs a day could ill support such a loss.

But at last a young woman passed hers back, with, "Conductor, you have given me half a franc too much." Diogenes, delighted, followed her home, made inquiries, made his will in her favor, though he never gave her warning that her half franc was going to bring her 1,500,000.—Columbian.

What Is Education?

Herbert Spencer tells us in one short, pregnant sentence that the function of education is to prepare us for complete living.

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Equally wise are the words of Sir John Lubbock: "Knowledge is a pleasure as well as a power. It should lead us all to try with Milton to behold the bright countenance of truth in the still air of study."

A Pretty Strong Hint.

They had been engaged to be married 15 years, and still he had not mustered up courage enough to ask her to name the happy day.

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MINE ENEMY.

Once in my pride I judged a man.
  With eyes austere I looked him through.
I said, "Here failed he." Span by span
  I measured all his faults anew

And thenceforth marked in bitter mood
  The manner of his life, intent
To find therein such constant food
  That my just heart might not relent.

I probed his thoughts, his motives weighed,
  And yet as on his hopes I peered,
Though some I might have crushed, I staid
  My hand—they were so humbly reared.

And, keeping watch with doubtful eyes
  On all his actions, I began
To mark with measureless surprise
  How very human was the man;

Till, by a casual cross wind blown,
  Came word of trifling acts of his—
Poor common things—in which was shown
  His touch with common charities.

Then, seeing how much I had denied
  Who loved the name of charity,
I bowed my head with shame and cried,
  "Forgive me, O mine enemy!"

—W. G. Hole in Spectator.

The Charge of the Dead

A Grewsome Story of War.

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Night fell, leaving the battle yet undecided and the Russian army in a critical position. General Prince Roukkine, who commanded the left wing, feeling himself conquered by the enemy, gave the order to charge to a few Cossacks that were left him.

That order meant nothing less than to dislodge 2,000 Turks strongly established in the village of Karkow with batteries of artillery. It was necessary that the Russians should drive them from there if they did not wish to find themselves surrounded and the forward march on Plevna halted.

The charge was a difficult one. The soldiers who occupied Karkow were all members of the special guard of the sultan, the devils of men six feet high, who [illegible] astonished at nothing, afraid of [illegible] and made it a point never to leave [illegible] enemy on the ground without [illegible] his back with their daggers the red crescent of Mohammed.

Prince Roukkine knew this, and when he decided to send against them his [illegible] Cossacks, all that were left of his famous regiment of Oural, he understood that he was sending them to their death.

He caused the captain to be called, a handsome man with blue eyes, [illegible] was Serge Frithiof and [illegible] not more than 25 years old.

[illegible] said to him: "Sir, you will [illegible] to charge. You will [illegible] horses in full haste on the [illegible] Karkow, where the enemy's [illegible] stationed. The entrance [illegible] and the army will be [illegible] that you will fight in the pro[illegible] against four, and it is [illegible] certain death. If [illegible] and the passage is [illegible] ring the church bell. It [illegible] will mean that the [illegible] must succumb, because [illegible] is dying."

The captain slowly lowered his saber [illegible]

of their dead comrades to straighten them in their stirrups.

"To horse, you men!" cried Captain Frithiof, once having seen his squadron reformed—a squadron of soldiers who were no longer alive. The 60 living Cossacks, their hands red with blood, came again to take their places at the head of the ranks.

"We are going to charge again," said the captain. "Let us start ahead. Their horses will follow ours."

On the slanting road which descended from Karkow toward the farm where the enemy was halted fighting began again.

The Turks, who had seen the greater part of the Russian soldiers fall under their blows, believed themselves safe now, and they were strangely surprised when they heard again the noise of the approaching cavalry.

At the cry of alarm from the sentinel they formed in line of battle and fired on the whole line.

Forty Cossacks rolled on the earth. It was those of the first rank—those that were alive! The others continued to charge.

The Turkish soldiers gazed with frightened eyes. Where could this squadron come from? Who were these demons who received the balls without moving, bent low over their saddles, without a word, without a cry?

One could not distinguish the number of horses, and one could believe it was all the Russian cavalry, a whole army of phantoms. The first rank of infantry gave way, the others were not long in retreating, and, fearing all at once, the whole Turkish army abandoned their arms and fled.

The position was taken, and the passage became free at last.

Captain Frithiof saw that his squadron was there in its accustomed order. The horses were so docile that they had all stopped behind him when he had shouted "Halt!" They remained immovable now, heads low and covered with foam.

A few moments after the village bell rang loud and long.

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Victory now was possible, even certain.

General Prince Roukkine on hearing the bell, uncovered his head, understanding that his faithful Cossacks had sacrificed themselves to save the rest of the army. With his staff [illegible] he went at full gallop to [illegible] Karkow, but his joy of vanquishing was [illegible] with pain.

He arrived at the [illegible] the village. What was [illegible] surprise [illegible] perceive, arranged as for parade [illegible] line of the squadron [illegible] certainly 200 cavaliers [illegible] Captain Frithiof at their head.

Night had come on [illegible] was [illegible] admirable [illegible] give to objects [illegible] Captain Frithiof [illegible]

"Karkow is free," [illegible]

"You were able then [illegible] charge [illegible]"

"[illegible] It was [illegible] to [illegible] the enemy from a farm [illegible] they [illegible] fortified themselves."

"And many men were killed, captain?"

"All my men! Our brave Cossacks were heroic even after death!"

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A CIVIL WAR INCIDENT.

The Dramatic Part Centrifugal Attraction Played In a Chase.

"As every [illegible] knows, the tendency of a [illegible] in a circle is to fly away from the center, by the operation of [illegible] attraction," remarks a well known [illegible] The consequence is that a [illegible] around a curve at a [illegible] will be certain to [illegible] and if it happens to [illegible] would un[illegible] on the side where the [illegible] greatest. An incident [illegible] principle played a star [illegible] possibly the most dra[illegible] the entire civil war. I [illegible] of Andrews' raiders [illegible] their desperate dash [illegible] Georgia to destroy railroad [illegible] with Chattanooga. The [illegible] freight train at Marietta, [illegible] north at top speed. [illegible] pursued almost immediately [illegible] of Confederates on a [illegible] and then ensued the most [illegible] fight on record.

[illegible] Andrews [illegible] men [illegible] the train behind them [illegible] so hard [illegible] that they were obliged to take [illegible] before [illegible] At last [illegible] a [illegible] Their [illegible] they

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... as were riding around t... whose horses were great ... ches, with frothing mouths ... Frithiof raised his arm. A ... cannon resounded, and the sou... of cavalry advanced at fu... cross the ravine of Karkow! ... ing to the captain's order, they ... and ceased their ... and one could hear nothing ... the dull and formidable sound of ... horses.

... ders of the Turkish ... storm approaching and awai... tense muscles. The sh... Every blow of a s... head ... streams of bloo... But the Cossack ... precise ... nevertheless, that his troops ... the Turkish general ... Their confident ... he gave them a ... the town, near ... Karkow was take... sabre ... Ruddiker.

... will give to objects ... Captain Frithiof advi... "Karkow is free," sai... You were able then to ... twice. It was necess... enemy from a farm w... fortified themselves."

And many men were ...?"

All my men! Our br... were heroic even after de... Prince Roukine app... spy, bending on the ... horses, lighted by the whi... the dead men ... themselves with the most ... of the ... gers.—New York Pre...

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"If it hadn't been for that fatal blunder in removing the rail, the raiders would doubtless have accomplished their purpose, and what such a disaster would have meant to the Confederacy gives the imagination an unlimited boway for speculation."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Worn Away by Kissing.

... speaks of a bronze statue of ... which had the features worn ... the frequent osculations of the ... Several instances of the same ... occurred in modern times. The ... figure of the Saviour, among the bronze bas-relief which adorn the Casa Santa at Loretto, has in this way been quite kissed away.

The foot of the famous statue of St. Peter, in the Vatican, has also lost much of its metal by the continual application of the lips and foreheads of votaries, and it has been ... necessary to protect the foot of ... statue of the Saviour by Michael Angelo from similar injury by a brass buskin.

A Mother Seal's Long Swim.

Ernest W... captured a young ... near An... Island, California, and ... his ship. As the vessel ... mother seal was noticed ... howling piteously. The ... responsively. After ... at Santa Barbara the ... in a ... and ... Soon ... expected to its ... overboard. ... the deck. The ... with her sharp ... and followed the ...—Our Dumb Animals.

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... given up drinking. ... I ain't tetched ... deserve a great deal ... dat's jes' ... Brown. I wuz ... trus' me ... State ...

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M. W. HOPKINS, C.E., B.A.Sc., O.L.S., A. M. Can. Soc. C. E. Hon. Grad. McGill University, Montreal. Mining Engineer and Land Surveyor. Good mining locations bought and sold. Rat Portage, Ont.

~~Notice of Application for Divorce.~~

~~NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gustavus ... Kobold, of the Town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, and Province of Ontario, Butcher, will apply to the Parliament of Canada at the next sitting thereof, for a Bill of Divorce from his wife, Nellie Woodbury ... formerly of the said Town of Rat Portage, now ... State of California, on the ground of adultery. Dated at Rat Portage in the Province of Ontario ... ninth day of September ...~~

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~~Solicitors for G. A. Kobold.~~

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~~Mother got some medicine, but it did me no good.~~

~~After I had suffered with the itching and burning about three months, mother thought she would try Burdock Blood Bitters.~~

~~I only took two bottles, when my hands got completely cured. —Emma Sheridan, Parry Sound, Ont.~~

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Morris, Emerson, Grand Forks, Fargo, St. Paul, Chicago and all points south, east and west, daily	1.15 p.m.	1.05 p.m.
Morris, Brandon and intermediate points, Mon., Wed., Fri.	10.40 a.m.	
Morris, Brandon and intermediate points, Tues., Thurs., Sat.		4.40 p.m.
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9:00 a.m.	Day Express, except Sunday—St. Paul, Minneapolis, Stillwater, Winona, LaCrosse, Chicago, Omaha, and West.	7:45 p.m.
1:55 p.m.	Fast Limited, daily—St. Paul, Minneapolis, Stillwater, Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha, Denver, Kansas City, east and west.	5 p.m.
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Hall is my tailor.

stopping at Rat Portage for a day. The excursion will take place about the first of June. The success of last year's excursion to the Pacific coast was largely the result of Mr. Crowe's untiring energy, and the way in which he managed to perpetuate the event in the shape of perhaps the prettiest brochure effort gotten out for a like object has both gratified the members of the press and the railway companies over whose lines they travelled. It has therefore been easy work for him to arrange the excursion for this year, and it promises to have more comforts than even that of last year.

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The Mason & Risch Piano Co. are the sole Canadian agents of the world famous Chickering Upright and Grand Pianofortes of Boston.

P. J. M. Wesling who has been carrying on a very successful bakery business at Norman for some months, has lately added the manufacturing of confectionery to his business and is meeting with much success, having this week taken a large number of orders from the business men of Rat Portage. He submitted about 20 samples for treatment by THE MINER staff, and they pronounce the candy first-class. The different varieties are gotten up in attractive styles, and we believe a large market will be created. The manufacture of candy will be an important addition to Rat Portage industries.

Mr. Geo. A. Graham, manager of the Rainy River Navigation Company, returned from a business trip to Rainy river this week.

Federal Labor Union No. 2 meets in the McVeigh hall on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8 p.m.

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The sacred concert given by the choir of Notre Dame church, assisted by Mrs. Godwin, Mrs. Gunne, Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Carpenter was attended by a fair audience, but not as large as the merit of the concert should have drawn.

The Salvation Army announces special music [illegible] for Thursd[illegible] evening next.

It is reported that one of our ministers of the gospel is having his overcoat repaired. We presume the next time the reverend gentlemen goes through a barbed wire fence, he will go around.

You are xx Talked About

Mrs. Pickett, wife of the Rev. W. Pickett, of St. Albans [illegible] who has been very ill the last [illegible] week is gradually gaining strength [illegible] expected will [illegible] well aga[illegible]

Miss Rocan, dressm[illegible]er, left [illegible] day for a six weeks' absence to [illegible] spent in New York and Montreal for

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Miss Nora O'Loughlin, who has been visiting in Winnipeg, spent a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Scovil, on her way home to New York.

Miss Florence Lakeman has returned from her visit to Woodstock, Ont.

A number of Rat Portagers contemplate taking advantage of the cut rates to go to Winnipeg, to the musical festival Thursday of next week.

Mrs. C. W. Hamilton, of Winnipeg, was the guest of Mrs. Langford a few days this week.

Rev. Father Poitras was in Winnipeg for a few days during the week.

Hugh Armstrong is in town.

H. L. Ingram, of the registry office, leaves for a two months' visit to his old home in England tomorrow. His many friends wish him a pleasant [illegible]

H. Clark, who has been at South S[illegible] water, Minn. for the winter has returned to town.

L. Christie, of Fort Frances, was in town this week. He has been in Manitoba [illegible] the transportation of a [illegible] to the Rainy River [illegible]

[illegible] formerly of this town, [illegible] was in London [illegible] the hockey team [illegible] that [illegible] in Winnipeg.

W. M[illegible] will be home this week [illegible]

M[illegible] returned from [illegible]

Mr. C. W. B[illegible] returned [illegible] trip to eastern Ontario. [illegible] attended the meeting of the Pr[illegible] Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West at Bracebridge.

With the xx Mining Public

E. W. Gilman, general agent of the Rand Drill Co., was in town this week looking after the company's business. He looks forward to one of the biggest years the company ever had in this district. Mr. Gilman is interested in the Trojan mine. He says that eastern men are waking up to the fact that we have got a great gold country. He was surprised at the way the town was building up since his visit two years ago.

C. Brent, manager of the Bullion mine, returned from Montreal Saturday, where he attended the meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute. He left for the mine on Monday. They struck a large body of high grade ore at the mine during his absence.

R. Rogers, M.P.P., left for Winnipeg Monday morning for parliamentary duty.

T. H. Gilmour arrived home from St. Paul Sunday.

J. Chalmers, L.S., formerly of Rat Portage, now of Port Arthur, spent some days in town last week on business connected with the Ontario & Rainy River Railway Company.

Mr. A. E. Hogue of British Columbia, who recently reported favorably on the Hammond Reef, has, we understand, been appointed [illegible] of the company.

Mr. J[illegible] McRae [illegible] the Manitoba Boundary [illegible] in town [illegible] the [illegible] company. He expects that development work will be pushed [illegible] the property [illegible] good values from the [illegible] a large [illegible] very promising.

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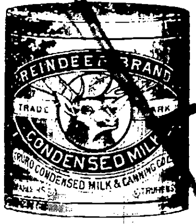

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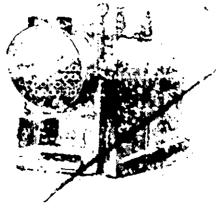

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Items of Local Interest

There is to be a concert and social given in the Zion Methodist church on April 17th under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the above church. This event should entice a large number of people, as a good programme is being prepared, and some of our leading local artists, including Sutherland Bros., are going to render selections.

R. Thompson, secretary of the Royal Jubilee hospital, makes the following statement for the week ending Mar. 17: Under treatment Mar. 12, 8; admitted during week, 1; discharged, 2; deaths, 0.

The would-be ghost loitering in the old shack behind the residence of J. F. Rice, will perhaps cease his antics now, having received a good punch or two on Wednesday night by one of our boys who "didn't scare worth a cent." Hit him again Chap.

Hall is my tailor.

Mr. M. Seeguiller has returned from his trip to California, where he has been the past two months. He was visiting his mother and sisters who have been living in California the past three years. Mr. Seeguiller enjoyed the climate, but prefers the clear bracing air of Western Ontario.

J. C. Crome the enterprising manager of the Toronto Type Foundry, Winnipeg, was in town this week in the interests of his company. He has just returned from Toronto and other eastern points. He is the [illegible] of the Western Canada Press Association excursion projects, and has [illegible] making arrangements for the [illegible] the east by way of Chi[illegible] Niagara, Toronto and Mo[illegible] home by the C.P.R. north [illegible]

Pickett, of St. [illegible]'s church, who has been very ill the last three weeks, is gradually gaining strength, and it is expected will soon be well again.

Miss Rocan, dressmaker, left Saturday for a six weeks' absence to be spent in New York and Montreal for

Mrs. Jos. Young has returned from her eastern visit.

Mr. C. W. Belyea returned Sunday from his trip to eastern Ontario. While away he attended the meeting of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West at Bracebridge.

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